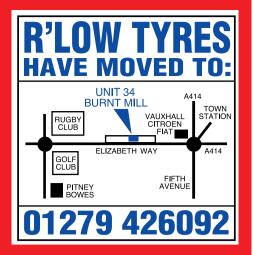


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Men's toilets near junior school is used for sex acts

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Lewd graffiti has been scrawled on the walls advertising no-strings sex and holes have been crudely cut into cubicle walls at the facilities in Old Harlow.

Police are monitoring the toilets in London Road after residents reported criminal activity on the premises near Fawbert and Barnard Junior School.

They are also investigating criminal damage relating to the graffiti and consulting with neighbourhood groups over "other concerns".

Ward councillor Mike Garnett (Conservative) said that if cottaging – the practice of using public toilets for gay sexual encounters –is going on it must be stopped immediately.

"We shouldn't have to put up with this sort of activity on our doorstep, especially with young children at school only yards away," he said. "Something needs to be done sooner rather than later."

By CHRIS MOSS

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Gay rights activist Greg Ratty, from Sawbridgeworth, agreed with Mr Garnett: "I've come in for quite a bit of stick from the gay community for my views on cottaging – I think it's absolutely disgusting and it gives gay people a bad name.

"Most of the men that use public toilets for sex do so because they can remain anonymous. It's sordid, dangerous and highly illegal – at the end of the day, these men are breaking the law and deserve to be punished."

Cottaging was outlawed in the UK in 2003 and anyone convicted faces up to two years in prison.

Inspector Bob Adams, of the Harlow North Neighbourhood Policing Team, confirmed to the *Star*: "We have received a number of complaints from residents over graffiti relating to sexual activity appearing on the walls of the toilets.

"We are currently investigating these incidents of criminal damage, and we are also in consultation with neighbourhood groups and residents over other concerns regarding the use of the facilities."



Earthquake tremors are felt in town

THE earth shook in Harlow in the early hours yesterday (Wednesday) as Britain was hit with its most forceful earthquake in 25 years. The tremor measured 5.3 on the Richter scale and struck just before 1am. The epicentre was near Gainsborough, in Lincolnshire, but its force was felt far and wide.

Bradley Tredinnick (39), of Lower Meadow, Harlow, was recovering from a leg operation at The Rivers Hospital, in High Wych, when he was woken by the quake.

"I felt it and I just bolted up and froze – the wall shook, the curtains twitched, it was really quite frightening," he said.

"I didn't know what was going on, whether there was a prowler outside or what. The nurses told me later on that it had been an earthquake."

In Harlow's Bishopsfield, Andy Garrick also felt the tremor as he got into bed. "The bed started to vibrate slightly, then our cupboards above the bed started to vibrate against the wall for about five seconds," he said

And Star deputy editor Paul Newman also felt it in Sawbridgeworth. "My wife shook me fully awake because she'd felt the bed moving and I heard a scrabbling sound like rats from the attic, which turned out to be boxes and books tumbling over," he said.

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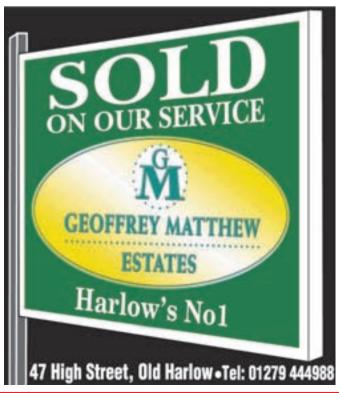
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Police hunting pervert who flashed at girl

A PERVERT is being hunted by police after exposing himself to a 12-year-old girl in Harlow. The child was walking in First Avenue at about 6.30pm on Friday when the man struck. Police are looking at the possibility the incident is connected with another indecent exposure on the same road three days earler.

Both incidents follow a spate of flashings in the same area in January, although these are not being linked to the latest reports. The suspect in Friday's incident is said to be white, in his late 30s, 1.73m tall (5ft 8ins), of medium build and wearing dark jeans, a black hat and a pale green combat jacket. A man fitting a similar description exposed himself to a 24-year-old woman last Tuesday at 6.50pm. Call Harlow police on (01279)

Train delays for death on tracks

RAIL services were disrupted and passengers stranded on a train for more than 90 minutes after the death of a man who appeared to leap onto tracks at Harlow Town station.

He was struck by a train shortly after noon on Tuesday, causing the line between Broxbourne and Bishop's Stortford to be closed well into the afternoon.

Replacement buses were laid on by rail operator One, but one train was stranded outside Harlow Town until police allowed it to enter the station.

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So much support for diabeties call

By CHRIS MOSS mossc@hertsessexnews.co.uk

A COUPLE calling on the Government to help schools give better care to diabetic children have been overwhelmed by the support of other parents.

A report in last week's *Star* highlighted the struggle by Rebecca and Simon Gumble for legislation guaranteeing the provision of medical support for children with the chronic condition after their daughter Rose had to change schools due to a lack of care.

Our story prompted a flood of responses, many offering their support and sympathy to the young couple as they lobby Whitehall for a change in the law.

One message on the Star website from Jenny Gardner – who has a five-year-old child with Type 1 diabetes – stated: "Our children are already facing enough problems without being discriminated against while at school. The Government needs to act as soon as possible in order to give our children what they deserve and not be discriminated against any longer."

Liz Harpum said: "This is an outrageous situation and completely unfair on families who are



SUPPORT: Rebecca and Simon Gumble with daughter Rose and son Finn (photo: Z7MYFNVM/02)

already dealing with a difficult Government sending to our chilmedical condition."

And Julie Edwards branded the situation "a disgrace", calling on Whitehall to act immediately.

"The lack of care for diabetic children in many schools is a disare recognised as disabled but don't seem to be protected by anyone is appalling," she said.

dren? Shame on you all!"

Speaking after reading some of the messages, Mrs Gumble said: "The responses so far have been fantastic. Some are from the UK Children With Diabetes grace and the fact our children advocacy group, who were a godsend when this was happening. From the article being published, it shows that the problem is a UK 'What message is the problem and not just in Essex.'

'Blood runners' to get

A LIFE-saving blood delivery to have SERV on board. service will be used by Harlow Currently, we are able to call on hospital to rush emergency supplies throughout the night in the first move of its kind in Essex.

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PAH lead biomedical scientist for blood transfusion Steve Tucker said: "We are delighted Currently, we are able to call on emergency blood supplies from the National Blood Service at Brentwood once a day. Any additional call-outs involve a taxi or van being called, which

takes time and is an extra cost. "With SERV, we can call on a motorcycle to get us the blood we need in a speedy and timely manner. In some cases, our reserve stocks of blood can be

than 10,000 packs of blood and blood products everv year and a major trauma case can make the need for extra blood on demand vitally important.

Brian Arney from SERV said: "PAH is the first hospital to sign up with us and we hope to roll out our service to other hospitals across Essex – we have just heard that the Foundation Trusts at Basildon and Southend are joining up."

Thumbs-down for houses on Tye Green site

RESIDENTS of one of Harlow's most picturesque areas scored a victory over the council when an application for new housing was unanimously rejected.

Harlow Council had sought outline permission for five new homes on the former Yorkes site in Tye Green Village, but its own planning committee rejected the proposals on Tuesday.

The original plans prompted outrage from homeowners adjacent to the site – bordering a conservation area – concerned about housing density, parking and profiteering.

Mag Barrett, of Primrose Field, told the meeting the land could be put to better use as a day centre or for extra sheltered accommodation for the elderly.

Arguing the proposed development included land sold on the understanding it would always be used for the benefit of the elderly, she added: "To lose this site to private development is short-sighted and plain wrong.'

Her concerns were echoed by Martin Lawn, chairman of the Harlow Health Centres Trust and a Tye Green resident, who accused the council of trying to cash in on the land.

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N a society where gay weddings are almost in danger of becoming passé and homosexual relationships have very much become part of the mainstream, why must a sordid practice dating back to far less tolerant times

persist in our public toilets? Largely the preserve of married men wishing to remain anonymous during their dalliances with homosexuality, the lewd practice of 'cottaging' is an outmoded throwback to the days when gay men were forced to congregate out of the public eye because of unfair persecution.

Thankfully, those days of outright discrimination are now long gone, yet such unnecessarily sordid activity continues to thrive - on our very doorstep.

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Make no mistake, the men engaging in these dangerous and illegal activities are criminals and should be treated as such.

There can be no sacred cows when it comes to the law - a criminal is a criminal, regardless of the nature of his crimes or of his sexuality - and anyone refusing to condemn these acts is merely bowing to misguided political correctness.

The police must treat this matter with the seriousness it merits. The evidence for these crimes is plastered over the walls of a public convenience and it is now time for action, not carefully chosen words designed not to offend.

Council staff so let down

SIR, Following confirmation of redundancies within the Harlow Council workforce, UNISON Harlow feel that staff have been badly let down by the council. This is an appalling situation which has come as a bolt out of the blue to our members.

Should these problems not have been anticipated earlier? Why did the budget monitoring team not meet for 12 months? Monitoring and control measures are needed to help prevent this situation happening again; surely there should be some accountability? UNISON will focus on saving as many jobs as possible; we expect the council to adopt a similar approach, especially as 65 people have been told that they are being considered for redundancy.

The council's redundancy policy clearly states that "it will endeavour to do everything within its power to avoid the necessity to make compulsory redundancies". If this is the case, why on February 20 did the corporate management team dismiss out of hand UNISON's request for the council to call for voluntary redundancies across the authority, which could significantly reduce the need for compulsory redundancies? Surely they owe their staff that much.

As of February 22 (two weeks into the "consultation process"). UNISON had still not received any written detailed explanation or rationale regarding the impact of budget cuts on services and for subsequent redundancies to enable it to fully engage in a meaningful consultation process. It is also disappointing to note that the council's own redundancy policy has not been updated since 2001.

These job cuts will affect frontline services; we will now see a reduction in opening hours for Contact Harlow, the reduction of posts in the Respect Team and also the regeneration team.

UNISON are pleased that the Medium Term Financial Strategy was amended to remove the £98k set aside for a senior

management pay review. However, for this to be proposed in the first place at this difficult time clearly shows a lack of tact and sensitivity towards the workforce.

We renew our call for the council to ask for voluntary redundancies across the authority to help reduce the necessity for compulsory redundancies.

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Not a failure!

SIR, I am writing in to complain about the amount of people insinuating that Brays Grove is a 'failing school.

I am a Brays Grove student in Year 11 and I feel the way people are talking about Brays Grove is disgusting. Brays Grove may not have held as many students as other schools but it attracted many from different areas of Harlow; if it was a failing school, why would people travel from long distances to attend there? Graham Allen recently wrote in saying it is the senior management team's fault for the closure and I must strongly disagree. The school may not have had high numbers of students, as we had in the past, but we had a considerable amount. The teachers work really hard to help us receive the grades we need and deserve.

I feel honoured to be a part of Brays Grove's final year and we will prove to all who have called us a failing school that we are not that. We can achieve better grades and prove everyone wrong! We will all do the best that we possibly can to send Brays Grove off with an almighty bang.

To all who have said Brays Grove is a failing school, be prepared to be proven wrong. Closing Brays Grove was a big mistake as it is honestly one of the best schools in Harlow; I would not have chosen any other school.

'Failing School'? I think not!

Amy Bottomley Tilbury Mead, Harlow

SIR, I have been reading through

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many letters recently regarding the success of Brays Grove. Personally, I think it should be a pupil's point of view that counts so I'm going to tell you what I think. Brays Grove is very different from many other schools; just because we're small in numbers doesn't mean we're any worse – in fact, I find it better as smaller classes mean more help and more one-to-one

support. I am currently studying art as one of my options; art had never been my favourite subject but I have improved so much and am currently sitting on a B grade at GCSE level. Not only are my fellow students in the school happy and working well, we are also expected to get some really good grades this year, some of the best Brays Grove has had. The school has personally brought me forward so much I

am predicted to receive many A' C Grades. The school is also making sure everyone does the best they can in their exams for their futures, whether it be college, sixth form or work. From a student's point of view, this is not a failing school, and it is far from it! I don't see how you can say its failing when you don't even work or go to school here!

Gemma Nicholson

Year 11 pupil Brays Grove School, Harlow

County's cost

SIR, I know Essex County Council does not receive the coverage that Harlow Council does, but it is worth reminding ourselves how important this authority is to the lives of the average Harlow resident.

For the first time, the average tax payer in Harlow will be paying over £1,000 a year to Essex, compared to under £250 to Harlow Council

This Conservative-controlled authority has many responsibilities in Harlow, including the repair of our badly neglected roads. It is also the authority that has allowed a Harlow school to have a sewer streaming through the school hall for over a year.

It is also the authority that will bring traffic chaos to northern Harlow for the next eight months by spending millions of pounds of our money on a bus lane that no-one I know in Harlow has asked for; in fact, spending more on a bus lane along First Avenue than the cash being spent on repairing and maintaining Harlow's roads.

I know Harlow Council is fair game at the moment and

Chelmsford is a long way away, but it would serve your esteemed newspaper well to inform your readership of the affairs of the Tory-dominated Essex County Council which spends so much of our money.

Michael Danvers

Tunmeade, Harlow

Youth plight

SIR, I am writing to you in an attempt to highlight the plight of many young people in our society today.

My daughter left school last June with no formal qualifications and has been searching for employment ever since. Although she has achieved many vocational qualifications for outstanding achievements in different fields, it would appear that these count for nothing. Not every child is academically gifted but this does not mean that they are worthless. My daughter is neither lazy nor unreliable but, despite sending out hundreds of CVs and applying for many jobs, not one company will give her a chance. I have brought my children up to be polite, respectful and hardworking but these days it seems the only press that young people get is bad press. There are genuine ones who are desperately looking for work as they want to earn an income and not rely on hand-outs.

After eight months of searching, she is in danger of becoming despondent, as are so many others in the same situation. It would appear that the age old scenario of 'you need experience to get a job, but if you are unable to find a job how do you get the experience?' still exists. If, as a society, we are unwilling to help the younger generation, what does that say about us? I would appeal for all employers to give young people a chance and realise that not all of them are lazy, drunken louts.

L. Eley Foldcroft, Harlow

A great Day

SIR, On February 23, I went to the Day Unit at PAH for a facet joint injection.

After initial consultations with Mr Hussein the consultant and the anaesthetist, I was approached by a big chap in an apron who said 'My name is Ian and I will be looking after you today!'

Simple, honest and effective, yet I have never been spoken to like that before and he delivered. From the time he took me through to theatre and I was sedated, he chatted away so that I did not get a chance to even think about what I might have to go through.

My last recollections before succumbing to the anaesthetic was a big friendly smile from one of the ladies, music playing and someone singing along to it, and some friendly banter between staff.

When I came around receptionist joked with Ian and included me in it and everyone else just treated you like you were part of their family.

And let's not forget this was a Saturday when most people are off work relaxing!

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Fat cat pay plan axed in last minute U-turn

A PLAN to splash out By BEN WILKINSON on a £98,000 fat cat pay Chief Reporter bonus for the Town wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk Hall's top officers was ditched just hours after before or after you saw today's the Star exposed it.
At a full council meeting

on Thursday, joint leader Tony Durcan (Labour) proposed a last-minute amendment to the medium term financial strategy, striking out all references to the "senior pay review"

The deal would have meant the possibility of huge pay rises for the council's 10 top officers in the 2009-10 financial year - even though the authority is experiencing serious financial problems.

At the same meeting, which was packed with residents and rank-and-file council staff. councillors approved a budget which will see double-figure redundancies.

Mr Durcan's sudden U-turn came even though he had defended the pay bonanza as "appropriate" in a written answer to a question by independent member John Paul Goddard, which was distributed just minutes before the meeting commenced.

The decision prompted Mr Goddard, who had previously criticised the "bad taste" of the proposed salary hikes, to ask: "Did you decide to what's remove the senior pay review today?"

Harlow Star?'

Refusing to answer, Mr Durcan insisted: "Part of my leadership style is that I listen carefully to people from all sectors.

"It was in taking those soundings that we made the decision.

He defended the initial inclusion of the figures on the grounds that it is "better to be as open as possible" about future costs, but conceded that after speaking to others he had realised that "under the cir-cumstances it would be totally inappropriate" to make provision for the pay review.

Demanding to know at what point the leaders changed their mind, Mr Goddard claimed Mr Durcan had been forced to back down by the threat of revolt from his own Labour councillors.

And he hit out: "Surely it's better to lead with principle than lead according to the headlines?

But Mr Durcan said his Uturn demonstrated maturity, credibility and decent values.

"The story's already out there anyway," he said. "How am I going to recover from what's happened in the Star

Budget cuts a 'failure to the town'

A BELOW-inflation council tax increase was one of few positive notes in Harlow Council's serviceslashing, job-cutting budget for the new financial year.

The proposals detailed in last week's Star were approved unchanged at Thursday's full council meeting, with all members of the Labour/Liberal Democrat administration present supporting the

Despite including £2.8m of savings, the authority managed to keep the council tax rise to 2.9 per cent, fulfilling a pledge made in better times. Residents of an average band D property will pay £6.84 extra a year.

As joint leader Tony Durcan (Lab) presented the plans, the contrast to his triumphant 2007 speech in which he proclaimed the "best budget in years", could not have been starker.

"This has been probably one of the most difficult and challenging budgets that's had to be set by this council," he admitted, again pinning the blame on Government underfunding.

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He claimed the administration had done well under the circumstances to protect discretionary services such as The Playhouse and The Museum Of Harlow, and he announced that the money saved by the controversial closure of Harlow Pool would be used to give every council ward a "kick-wall" or similar youth facility.

But the sweetener cut him little slack from the Conservative opposition, which unsuccessfully proposed changes including reducing the impact on certain reserve funds.

Joshua Jolles mocked the leaders, accusing them of spotting the £1.8m financial black hole "like finding a ladder in your

stockings", while spokesman Simon Carter jibed: "If this council were a bank, Alistair Darling would have nationalised

Tory leader Andrew Johnson said: "This budget fails the council; this budget fails our staff." And turning to the joint leaders, he told them: "You have failed Harlow."

Call for MP to quit in funds row

MP Bill Rammell has been called on to resign as a minister following the spat between Harlow Council and the Government over who is to blame for the town's financial woes.

The council blames its budget black hole firmly on Whitehall, for passing on the costs of free OAP bus travel without giving necessary funding. Backing their stance, Tory Parliamentary hopeful Robert Halfon said: "As a Government minister, Mr Rammell is in a perfect position to get a good deal for Harlow, yet he has failed. He would win respect from many if he resigned as a

shortfall." But Mr Rammell dismissed the call, insisting Harlow was receiving an extra £352,000 to fund concessionary travel.

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disapproval of how Gordon Brown's

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"Local Government will always want more money from central Government but this Government's record is good," he said.

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Trial set for ram-raid accused

part in a ram-raid attack at a He also denied a second October 29 last year with village store is to stand trial in April.

Jimmy Holdcraft (48), of Longbanks, Harlow, pleaded he appeared at Chelmsford

A MAN accused of taking Crown Court last Monday. High Street, Newport, on charge of dishonestly handling a stolen Subaru machine.

Impreza car on the same day. Married father-of-five ing a Costcutters Store, in on conditional bail

intent to steal a cash

His trial begins on April 7 and is expected to last three not guilty to burglary when Holdcraft is accused of enter- days. He has been released

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Pub landlord raid ordeal

A PUB landlord lay in front By LOUISE SASSOON of a bathroom door to pro- News Editor tect his granddaughters from armed raiders who were ransacking the premis-

David Carroll (59) used his body as a barricade to protect the girls, aged 10 and 12, from three masked robbers who forced their and his wife Valerie (60).

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way into the living quarters of the Lion, at Eastwick, and demanded cash.

Elderly customers in the bar listened in horror as the intruders demanded money from Mr Carroll

Speaking to the Star from Spain, Mr Carroll said: "They came through the door and I knew it was time to give up. I didn't want anybody to get hurt.

"I was laying in front of the bathroom door. I wasn't thinking about being a hero, I just did what anybody would do and acted on instinct.

He had been about to call last orders when the baseball bat-wielding trio burst into the pub last

Saturday.

He rushed upstairs to his wife and grandchildren and managed to lock a door behind him, but the raiders followed and forced their way into the living quarters by smashing a security window in the door at the top of the stairs.

Falling glass cut Mr Carroll's head and he took his position in front of the bathroom where the girls were bathing.

He and his wife then handed over more than £2,000 in cash to get the men to leave, bringing the 13-minute ordeal to an end.

The raid comes after three men burst into a pub in Gilston before Christmas and demanded cash from a safe.

Mr Carroll said the robbery reminded him of a horror film but said he was blown away by the kindness shown by customers and brewery McMullen.

He added: "These people are scum, to be quite honest," he "They are too lazy to work and all they know is threats and violence.

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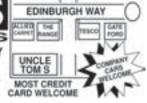
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knuckledusters

A MAN found in possession of a knuckleduster for the third time has been warned he could face jail if he is caught again.

Kenny Brown, of Hobtoe Road, Harlow, was given the ultimatum after Chelmsford Crown Court heard officers discovered the weapon in his car's fuse box.

Brown (21) had smashed up his girlfriend's mobile phone and then an ironing board during separate domestic rows over the Christmas

He was caught in possession of the weapon on New Year's Eve when police saw his car parked at Loughton and searched it.

Brown admitted to a charge of having an offensive weapon and two counts of damaging property at a previous hearing at Harlow Magistrates' Court.

Sentencing Brown on Friday to seven months in prison suspended for two years, Judge David Turner said: "If you choose to make a mockery of the court's leniency you know precisely where you stand." The court heard Brown had two previous convictions for possessing a knuckleduster.

Jamie Carr, in mitigation, said the damage offences occurred after Brown had been drinking excessively and that he was genuinely remorseful.

He said the knuckleduster was something he had taken from a 14year-old boy he saw brandishing it. He held on to it for two weeks and forgot it was in the car.

Brown was also ordered to do 120 hours unpaid community work. attend a substance misuse programme and was also made the subject of a six-month alcohol treatment programme.

Prison threat to man found with Millions could make town a cycle Mecca

Kidney transplant Cheryl's big run



A WOMAN who donated a kidney to her sister is planning to run the London Marathon for the first time, less than a year after the operation.

Cheryl Parker (39), of Park Court, Harlow, is taking part in the event on April 13, just eight months after flying to Los Angeles to undergo a kidney

ON YOUR MARKS: Cheryl Parker, centre, with, left to right, St Elizabeth's users Matthew Harter, Helen Langdon, Sarah O'Dell and Denise Elliot (photo: SY74FFKF/02)

transplant for sister Deborah Morris.

Deborah, who has lived in America for 18 years with her husband, hopes to return to England to cheer on her sister as

she completes the 26-mile course. Cheryl is raising money for St Elizabeth's Centre, in Much Hadham, where she works as a deputy home care manager. She has already raised £2,500.

have applied for mil- News Editor lions of pounds in a bid to make Harlow one of only a handful of specialist cycling towns in the country.

In all, 60 local authorities are fighting for a slice of £47m put up by Cycling England to pay for radically improve resources for bicycle riders.

If successful, Harlow will become one of 10 new Cycling Demonstration Towns in the country, taking the total in England up to 16. The first ever Cycling City will also be chosen.

It could also be expected to pioneer local initiatives, including redesigning and building new cycle routes and training people in cycle safely.

Speaking about the council's application, joint leader Tony Durcan said: 'Harlow Council is very interested in this initiative as not only do we have an extensive, well-used town cycle network but we are also committed to providing a clean, safe and sus-

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tainable environment for

the people of Harlow. "We will always look seriously at ways to help people improve their health and use more sustainable forms of transport – this initiative meets both these commitments."

Fellow leader Chris Millington added: "This looks to be an excellent scheme that fits in well with Harlow Council's commitment to provide first class sports and leisure opportunities for local residents, cycling is an increasingly important part of the town's transport infrastructure and something we are keen to promote."

The deadline for applications is March 31 and successful towns will be announced from June.

Civic Society vicechairman and cycling enthusiast John Curry hailed the move: "We should be there with a flying start with the facilities we have got," he said. "This is excellent news."



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EOPLE in some housing estates dream of bulldozers coming to blaze a trail of demolition, clearing the way for bijou apartments.

There's a wealth of footage showing families cheering as horrendous 1950s tower blocks are sent crashing to the ground – some even relish the opportunity of pushing the button themselves!

But residents in one Harlow estate care for their architecture to a degree incomprehensible to many in other areas of the town.

Award-winning Bishopsfield is instantly striking, although potentially sinister and ugly to the untrained eye.

Drive into the main square and it feels tranquil and easy-going, despite the rundown garages at ground floor level. The ill-devised and rather ordinary Gibson Court dominates one side of the estate, a recent addition which replaced a block suffering concrete cancer.

It is not until you get inside one of the 239 homes that the appeal becomes evident; something which has drawn many admiring students of house design for the past four decades.

Moira Jones (77) proudly invited me in. Resident for 31 years, she is secretary of Bishopsfield's Residents' Association and Harlow Civic Society as well as being librarian for the Gibberd Garden. Her home is tucked away down a sloping side alley with houses on each side and only high small windows and modest doors giving a clue as to their function. This, presumably, was architect Michael

This, presumably, was architect Michael Neylan's take on a Mediterranean side street, hence its nickname The Kasbah.

Neylan was just 24 when he won an open competition to design the estate, completed in 1966, and judges agreed it was the approximation of an ideal hilltop town. The choice paid off when the

Ideal estate to live a life less ordinary



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scheme won a Housing Design Award in 1969 but the estate has yet to be awarded listed status – missing out recently due to some of the later additions.

On entering Moira's privately owned house, the Mediterranean feel continues as the front door opens into a form of conservatory leading straight into the courtyard garden. "Imagine how much you would pay for this if it was on Hampstead Heath," she joked.

The main lounge is a split-level with a raised kitchen and Moira's many watercolours, along with dramatic, triffid-like plants and global travel souvenirs, adorn the 18ft-high walls.

There is a window almost completely taking up one side of the room onto the courtyard and daylight floods in - it's a very nice place to be.

In Harlow Council's regeneration document, the estate gets a mention as being in need of some attention.

"It states there is social deprivation here! Well, the only deprivation we know of is the lack of maintenance by the council and the problem families they have put in here," said Moira. "There is very little



or no crime; I can walk back home any time of night without worrying.

"I really don't know why Bishopsfield gets away with what the rest of the town suffers; it's very hard to define, but it's a very close community."

The residents' association hosts many events throughout the year, such as fetes and fun days. Moira feels it's these which make people feel safe – there is almost a feeling of a post-war idyll here, of leaving the front door open (not that

they do, mind you!).

The only real blemish in her eyes are the garages. An agreement about to get the go-ahead between East Homes and the residents to take responsibility as a co-operative should see the end of the eyesore and return the 57 units to use.

"The council has also said it's very expensive to get some of their own houses back to decent homes standard – they believe it would cost about £45,000 per property," said Moira.

t is talk like that, a lack of clarity and the confusing multi-agency environment of Harlow, which has caused confusion and consternation among Bishopsfield residents, fuelling a sense of panic among some that the bulldozers are indeed coming.

In an anonymous letter to residents and the press, the author shows a genuine fear the estate is to be demolished for new homes or even the proposed A414 bypass, accusing the council and residents' association of colluding in secret – an absurd idea, says Moira.

"We have had to reassure so many people - it's simply scaremongering." She recalled one association meeting with the council's head of housing Andrew Murray when an angry mob entered, demanding answers to theories they had largely galvanised themselves. It isn't just the residents who are so fond of the architecture – the latest association newsletter states proudly: "Our estate is no ordinary estate. We are not alone in the fight to keep Bishopsfield and Charters Cross. Harlow Civic Society has sent a resolution of support to our MP, Harlow Renaissance and the council stating that residents wish to keep their homes in Bishopsfield's unique architecture and vibrant community.







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The news has pleased waste chiefs, who say the statistics demonstrate residents are showing a greater commitment to recycling.

The 17 per cent increase has also pleased councillor Eleanor Macy, chairwoman of Harlow Council's environment and community committee

"These recycling statistics give a clear indication that the people of Harlow are embracing recycling, and committing to helping the environment," she

"Harlow Council has been proactive in promoting and encouraging town-wide participation in the reduction of waste and alleviating the amount of waste sent to landfill, with some innovative campaigns such as the Together We Can ...

National alpine show for town

AMATEUR botanists from throughout the country are due to descend on Harlow on Saturday when the national Alpine Garden Society holds its Spring Show in the town. Hundreds of bulbs and alpines will be on display at Mark Hall School from noon until 4pm, as well as a selection of rock garden and pot plants from specialist nurseries.

Huge boost in kerbside level Hoax terrorist threat was done for laughs



HANDS-ON: Pictured are, *left to right*, Karyn Warwick, Gill Free, Tracy Murray, Leah Coman and Natalie Townend (photo: G7FKMQHN/02)

Paul Lyons (31), of Church End, Harlow, pleaded guilty on Thursday at Harlow Magistrates' Court to

for sentencing.

making a hoax call to the emergency services.

police he thought it

would be fun to stage

a bomb scare is due to

appear before a judge

His call triggered a major incident in Harlow town centre on February 7.

The court heard emergency services received a call at about 2.30pm from Lyons, who said there was an Asian man acting suspiciously in the Asda super-market in The Water Gardens.

The emergency services operator was told by Lyons a man, who had a rucksack, was a terrorist and was threatening to explode his bomb and blow himself up in the shop.

Police scrambled a helicopter, an armed response unit and covert officers to the scene while Essex Fire and Rescue Service ordered

A MAN who told crews to the busy shopping area and paramedics stood

Police started evacuating

the area for public safety.
Lyons also lied to the 999 operator by saying he was calling from a payphone – he was traced through his mobile phone and was arrested later the same after-

The prosecution told magistrates that during his police interview, Lyons said he was with two other friends and had been drinking.

He told police they had been watching a film about suicide bombers and said all three thought it would be funny to make the call and say it was in the supermarket close to his home.

He also said he thought it would be fun to see the emergency services running around for no reason.

He admitted he had made the whole thing up and was aware of what he was doing. Lyons will appear at

Chelmsford Crown Court on April 3 for sentence. He was released on bail

under the condition that he must continue to reside at his current address.

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experts when they ate pureed food to raise awareness of patients' needs.

West Essex speech and language therapists held the special feast on Thursday to share their patients' experience.

The event in the Williams Day Hospital, in Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital, was part of an annual speech and language therapy week aiming to publicise issues affecting people with communications and swallowing

A group of 10 therapists then went on to eat the special menu for a further five days to really get to grips with what patients have to go through.

Leah Coman, specialist speech and language therapist with West Essex PCT, said: "This is an opportunity for us and our colleagues in the PCT to put ourselves in the place of our patients to understand first-hand their experience of eating modified food and fluids.

"We are looking to highlight issues relating to swallowing problems for our clients in their everyday lives and by gaining experience to develop our practice to ensure that their needs are fully met."

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Contest puts pets in the picture!



PICTURE THIS: Shane Oehme with bulldog Tess (photo: WRCJCSNM/01) Hospice and the Dogs' Trust.

POTTER STREET PRIMARY: There was paws for thought at the Carters Mead school when pampered pets won prizes for pupils. As part of the school's charity day, children were invited to bring in a photo of

A judge then chose the winning pets and the pupils who came top were given presents to take home for their furry friends.

The school's Janet Brown said: "It wasn't just cats and dogs – there were spiders and snakes as well!"

The day helped raise funds for the school's selected charities the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, St Clare Hospice and the Dogs' Trust.

Sunflowers open for nursery fun

SUNFLOWERS DAY NURSERY: The

doors are now open to a new Governmentfunded children's centre, the third of its kind in Harlow.

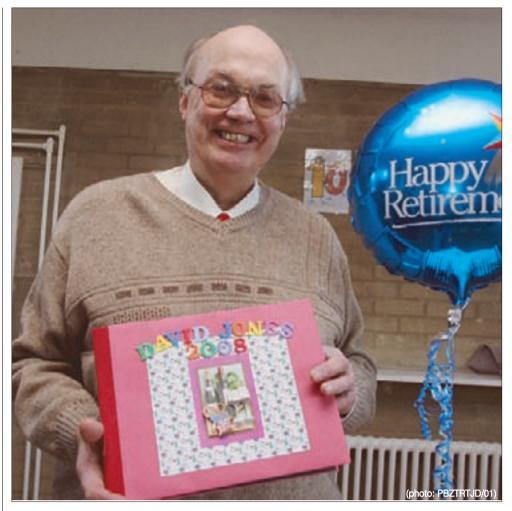
The Broadley Road facility held an open day to allow parents the chance to look around before signing up to the service, which cares for those aged three months to five years.

The former Sunflowers facility has been completely refurbished and deputy manager Rachel Blackwell believes it will prove popular.

"We are filling up really quickly but there are still places left. It's a great centre which is much needed, with toddler and baby rooms as well as pre-school areas as well," she said. For more information, call the centre on (01279) 436430.



FULL HOUSE: Visitors and children during the new nursery's open day (photo: DSKV3KZQ/01)



David has been a rail favourite

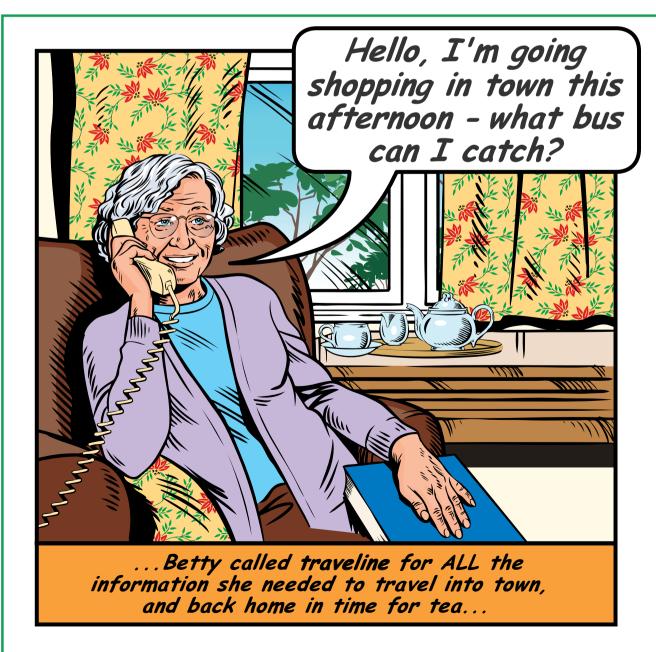
SPINNEY JUNIOR: A loyal and popular member of staff was told, in the nicest way possible, to pack his bags and hit the rails following his departure from the school.

Caretaker David Jones, *pictured*

above, retired after 24 years of service, and staff and some former colleagues joined him for a send off.

As a thank-you for his loyalty, he was given a trip on a steam train and headteacher Christine Marshall said: "He was always cheery and you always knew he was about because you could hear him whistling.

"You can tell he was a loyal member of staff because he worked here for so long."





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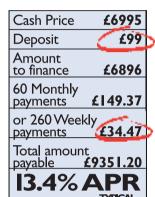
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shop rivalry of the 1960s, Nostalgia must report correspondence from Frank Raven, of Orchard Lane. Recently, Les Coben, who ran the Harry Fenton's menswear store in The High.

WITHOUT wishing to reopen Harlow's clothes claimed that, although his shop catered for "the working man", the quality rivalled that of dearer competitors. Mr Raven, who worked at Glanville's for 36 years,

writes: "I must take issue

with Les – Fenton and

Glanville were on very

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So suited to a little healthy rivalry The inside spirit of old distillery



FOLLOWING our many pictures of the exterior of Gilbey's distillery, on the site now occupied by Sainsbury's, reader Ricky Beesley (73) has sent in these pictures showing its inner

workings. Mr Beesley, of Black Lion Court, Old Harlow, said: "As an ex-Gilbey worker myself, I recently came across these old photos of the bottling line. I worked

there from 1976 to 1989, a

year before it closed. They were good old days. The first picture shows 'line 4' of the factory where bottles of Piat D'or wine were born. The women are, left to right,

Foyla Bonney, Frances

James and Iris Coote. The man behind is Eddy Quigley, who was a fitter. In the smaller picture are Mr Beesley's wife Doreen, right, and colleague Irene Wake, bottling vodka on

Musical highs of old Harlow



BEN WILKINSON

AZZ guitarist Martin Taylor provided one of Nostalgia's topics in January and, as billed, the Harlow-bred legend wowed an audience at The Playhouse last week.

Readers may recall John in the early '60s. Curry's recollections of Martin's early gigs, played in the window of a Singer sewing machine shop in The High – and here, courtesy of our friends at the Museum of Harlow, is a picture of the place. The shop was run by Alan Summers who, we are told, did much to promote live music in the town back



Martin went to school at Passmores and, in fact, appeared in the Star a few years back when he went back to the school to present it with a guitar.

Vicarage Wood resident Bridget McAlpine, also a former Passmores pupil, has been in touch.

"Passmores produced four good

guitarists of one kind or another," she said.

"Taylor must be the most successful and high profile but, apart from him, there was John Cawthra stage name John Mayo - who played with Essex-based R&B band Dr Feelgood, and the Watt-Roy brothers Garth and Norman.

"The Watt-Roys used to live in Primrose Field and, as kids, they had a group called the Guyatones, which often played in community halls and the like.

"Garth has played guitar with a number of bands, including Marmalade and the Barron Knights, and more recently Gerry and the Pacemakers.

"Younger brother Norman played bass with Ian Dury and the Blockheads – he's well known for his incredibly active playing style and he was a pallbearer at Dury's funeral in 2000."

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WOMAN RESCUED IN FLAT BLAZE

AN elderly woman who lived alone in a council flat in Woodwards was rescued by firemen from her blazing home on Friday.

Wearing breathing apparatus, the break down the door to reach

Edith Evans, believed to be in her mid-60s.

She was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital with superficial burns but on Tuesday her condition was described as "very well and ready for discharge".

MORE JOBS GO

MORE bad news hit Harlow's iobless this week with the announcement of

IN FLAT TAXI

employers. Forty jobs are to go at Johnson Matthey Metals in Edinburgh Way, while Schreiber furniture, which ferries workers from Harlow to its factory in Hoddesdon, made 60 workers redundant or Friday.

redundancies at

two major

CASH FOR JAIL VIGIL

HARLOW Labour Party members Jacqui Alston and Martin Lawn visited the **Greenham Common peace** protestors outside Holloway Prison on Saturday.

Mr Lawn, his wife and Mrs Alston stopped off for a chat with the women when they were on a theatre trip in London and handed over a £50 donation to them.

LINDA'S OUR PAGE ONE

LINDA Lusardi, of Harlow, is frequently seen on page three of The Sun newspaper, but she becomes our page one girl this week.

Linda was a special guest at The Bull and Horseshoes pub in Harlow last week where she pushed over a giant pile of coins. The £937.41, collected during the past year, is to be used to sponsor a guide dog for the blind

DO YOU REMEMBER?

We've run plenty on previous Royal visits to Harlow, but do you remember any big celebrity visitors of the past?

Write to Nostalgia, Harlow Star, 6-8 West Gate, The High, Harlow, Essex CM20 1JW or email your memories and photographs to us at wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk

Jail an option for man who hurt girlfriend

A HARLOW man has been warned he could be jailed for attacking his Hertford girlfriend after a party.

Hertford magistrates heard on Thursday that Nicholas Bolingbroke (31), of Waterhouse Moor, punched, headbutted and grabbed Leanne Elliott by her hair at her Newland Gardens home in the early hours of December 30.

Abigail Bearne, prosecuting, said Bolingbroke accused Miss Elliott of sleeping with his friend before launching the attack, during which he threw candlesticks at her and damaged a hall light fitting, a wall and a

Bolinbroke admitted assaulting Miss Elliott and causing damage worth £200.

Rehana Ahmed, in mitigation, said Bolingbroke was very upset and took full responsibility for the assault and damage. Both had been drinking and could not control their tempers, and the victim had come to court to support Bolingbroke.

He was released on bail until March 18 and was warned by chairwoman of the bench Jane Page that all sentencing options will be considered, including

OFCOM to probe radio exchange

WATCHDOGS are to investigate an angry radio exchange between radio presenter James Whale and Harlow campaigner Tony Bennett.

The OFCOM inquiry is at Mr Bennett's request following a heated interview on Whale's TalkSport programme in

The retired solicitor, of Chippingfield, Old Harlow, had been invited on to discuss his public criticism of the parents of missing girl Madeleine McCann after he had accused them of neglect.

But Mr Bennett hardly got a word in as the presenter hurled abuse at him, including calling him "an idiot" and calling his actions "despicable and disgusting"

BBC makes town the focus of Treaty poll

Cops collect for homeless



POLICE have conducted a raid of an unusual kind – of their own unwanted clothes and cooking implements to donate to Harlow's homeless. **Harlow Homeless** Centre manager Patsy Dye accepted the donation of items

collected by police

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officer Dean Coates,

who had planned to

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stockpile the goods at **Harlow Police Station** over the course of a month but was so inundated he had to cut the appeal short. "We are really grateful to Dean and

all the police staff who donated – these items will be put to really good use making life more comfortable for people who don't have a home," said Mrs

Harlow North flight path fear

THOUSANDS of homes planned for Harlow North could be built under noisy flight paths, it has been revealed.

Earlier this month, the National Air Traffic Service proposed a widespread re-arrangement of flight paths to cut noise levels in residential areas.

But the revised routes would take aircraft directly over the area of countryside on which developers want to build at least 10,000 homes under the Government's East of England Plan.

Stop Harlow North secretary Nigel Clark said: "To deliberately place at least 10,000 homes in such a location, where they will be subject day and night to the noise, inconvenience, pollution and potential danger from a rapidly increasing number of low-flying aircraft, is not only unsound planning practice but would be irresponsible," he

Public consultation on the proposed flight path changes runs until May 22

Cashpoint thefts

USERS of cashpoints have been warned to be alert after a string of thefts.

Four incidents have occurred in the past three weeks in Harlow, with thieves striking at Barclay's, Lloyds TSB and HSBC.

In each case, victims have been interrupted just before their card is ejected and an accomplice who has watched the PIN being entered has snatched the card.

Descriptions of the thieves have varied from young white males to young Asian



HARLOW was the centre of atten- By BEN WILKINSON tion yesterday (Wednesday) when Chief Reporter the BBC covered the last stages of the campaign for a referendum on the European Union reform treaty.

Political editor Nick Robinson was in town as I Want a Referendum campaigners set off to lobby MPs in Westminster.

The result of 10 local referendums organised by the campaign is due to be announced on Sunday and activists hope to pressure politicians to hold a national poll.

Mr Robinson chose to focus on Harlow for his evening news report, interviewing campaigners and passers-by in The High. The town is also due to feature in a report on BBC2's The Politics Show on Sunday.

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On the bus to London was Harlow Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon, although he stressed the campaign had cross-party support.

"It has been suggested that this is all a big Tory thing," he said. "But if that's the case, then how come the veteran socialist Tony Benn has given us his full support?
"I was really pleased that ... the BBC has

chosen to focus on Harlow, proving this is a town that is serious about politics."

■ A DEBATE on the Treaty takes place at the Churchgate Hotel, Old Harlow, tonight (Thursday) at 7.30pm.

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Dinosaur diet of the monster frog

THE fossilised remains of the world's biggest ever frog suggest it may have once feasted on baby dinosaurs!

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present-day horned toad which is known for its bad temper.

It is likely that its giant ancestor, which is thought to to have lived 70 million years ago, was just as aggressive and scientists say it would have been quite a scary beast to come

The creature would have weighed about 4kg, had a body length of about 40cm and an

enormously

wide mouth with a body shape resembling a slightly squashed beach Its body would, nevertheless, have been very strong with a tough, protective outer shield. It would

> powerful jaws to help munch down a diet of insects and lizards - with some researchers believing it could have easily snacked on

also have had very

small dinosaurs. The fossil was found in Madagascar by a team of UK and US scientists. It is thought the discovery proves there was once a link between the island and the South American continent that is now home to the creature's descendents

The largest living frog today is the goliath frog of west Africa which can measure up to 32cm and weighs around 3.3kg.



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MONDAY

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KAYODE (member
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JADE (member
234), of Campbell
Close, Harlow, is 10

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JACOB (member 154), of Longbanks, Harlow, is 10.

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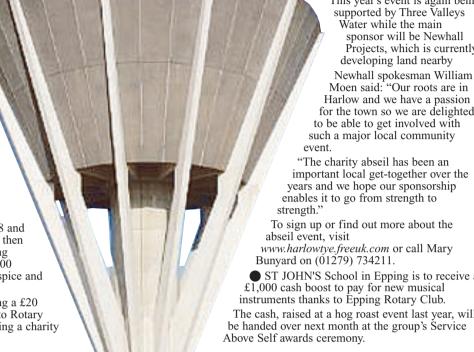
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ORGANISERS of a towering charity success story are hoping to make their 11th year the best yet by raising more than £50,000 for good causes.

Harlow Tye Rotary Club, which will be holding its annual charity abseil event at the Church Langley water tower on May 3 and 4, wants to encourage a record number of participants to take up the challenge.

The fundraiser was first held in 1998 and was intended as a one-off. But since then it has been repeated each year, raising more than £390,000 for more than 200 organisations including St Clare Hospice and the Essex Air Ambulance.

Participants have the choice of paying a £20 entry fee and donating their money to Rotary charities or paying £30 and nominating a charity of their choice to benefit.



This year's event is again being supported by Three Valleys sponsor will be Newhall Projects, which is currently

Moen said: "Our roots are in Harlow and we have a passion for the town so we are delighted to be able to get involved with

important local get-together over the

ST JOHN'S School in Epping is to receive a

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COMMUNITY cohesion on a Harlow estate received a welcome boost during a Six teenagers from Berecroft joined housing association officers and local police community support officers in the outing to Timberland Fishery, in Pinnacles, on Friday. Organised by housing association South Anglia, the aim of the day was to forge better relations between youngsters living on the estate, police and housing association staff.

It was the latest in a number of initiatives which included a

week-long adventure training holiday last year.

Rob Barrett, South Anglia's community development manager, said: "All the boys really enjoyed the fishing. Most of them had never been before so I hope it has given them a taste for a new hobby.

"Engaging with young people and giving them the opportunity to learn new skills helps to build relationships and a culture of respect between children, adults and people in a position of authority.

Pictured showing off the one that didn't get away is Taylor Peters.

Ambulance quartet train as technicians



FOUR new ambulance service staff will be saving lives in the Harlow area after qualifying as emergency medical technicians.

Annabel Toon, Nick Pope, Hollie Laidlaw and Nicola Steele are among 11 across the county to have just passed the intensive 13-week course at Essex's ambulance training centre during which they learnt about trauma and major incident management, medical assessment, treatment and maternity procedures. After completing the course they were presented with certificates and stethoscopes by Essex's deputy chief locality officer Steve Wheaton.

The race for places

IT may not take place until May 18 but more than 700 women have already signed up for the Cancer Research UK Race For Life in Harlow Town Park.

There are still 1,300 places remaining for the three-mile sponsored jog. Organisers are also hoping to recruit more volunteers to help run things on the day.

Visit the website at www.raceforlife.org or call 0871 6412282 for more details on how to get involved.

Staple Tye survey

A GROUP of Harlow residents are being trained as researchers in a bid to make the public more active in the community.

The programme, led by charity Employ-Ability and supported by Harlow Council, will use volunteers to glean information from Staple Tye residents about what new opportunities they would like to see in the fields of work, training, volunteering, leisure and socialising.

Spokesman Phil Edwards said: "The work will generate valuable information for planning services and offer interviewees contacts for further advice. Once complete, the researchers will be ready to use their skills on other consultation work."

Any Staple Tye residents with ideas to contribute can call (01279) 412950 to arrange an appointment.

Thanks to donors

THE National Blood Service has issued a public thank you to donors who helped keep blood stocks at a safe level over the

The next opportunity to make a blood donation is at the Latton Bush Centre, Southern Way, Harlow, today (Thursday) until 7.45pm.

Cats on camera

LOCAL Cats Protection League volunteers are running a photography competition on the theme 'happy hours'. There are five classes and the competition is open to both adults and children. The closing date for entries is April 20. For more information, call Brenda Perridge on (01992) 522534.

Women's festivities

CELEBRATIONS to mark International Women's Day take place at the Latton Bush Centre in Southern Way, Harlow, next Saturday from 11am. They will include displays on various different crafts and activities along the theme of women in employment.

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IRIS BARNES

passed away peacefully in hospital on Tuesday 19th February 2008, aged 81 vears Reunited with her beloved Terry. The much loved mum of Janie and Paul and mother-in-law of Chris. The dearly loved nan of Louise and Kelly and beloved sister of Maud and Doris. She will be greatly missed by all her loving family and many friends. All enquiries please telephone Daniel Robinson & Sons, Harlow 426990.

BURTON. — Dorothey. Passed away February 20th 2008. Funeral 10th March at 2.00pm at St Mary's, Matching. Flowers or donations sent Daniel Robinsons Harlow in aid of The Essex Air Ambulance or the Childrens Society.



ELSIE CASWELL (Nan)

Missing you and remember you always.
Sleep peacefully.
All our love Elaine, Joanne, Claire, James and all your great grandchildren

ELSIE EILEEN CASWELL nee CORNELL

Passed away peacefully on 18th February 08.

Beloved mum to brian and Ted, will be sadly missed by all. Funeral to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 2.30pm on Thursday 28th February.

Flowers to Daniel

LOLA % **EDMOND**

Sadly passed away on 21st February 2008. Lola will be greatly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 7th March 2008 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations made payable to 'Alzheimers Society may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

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Wood Crematorium on Friday 7th March 2008 at 2pm. All welcome

Flowers or donations made payable to 'Cancer Research UK' can send to Daniel Robinson and Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel No: 01279 426990

EILEEN GOULD

Passed away peacefully at St Clare Hospice on 22nd February, aged 81 years. Sadly missed by her loving husband Charlie, her daughter Ann, her son Mick, her sisters Lucy and Trud, her son in law, daughter in law, grandchildren Simon, Martin, Gavin, Sarah, Kieran and Stephen, family and friends. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday 3rd March 2008 at 3.30pm. All welcome. Immediate family flowers only please but donations made payable to St Clare Hospice may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

CHRIS GREENGRASS

Passed away on Wednesday 20th February 2008, aged 48 years. Dearly loved daughter of Doreen and Les, sister to Claire and Alan and aunt to Derek and Sara. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service to take placé at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday 3rd March 2008 at 10.30am. Flowers and all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych

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Theresa, grandmother to Louise, Rachel, Emily, Paul and

Josie. Will be sadly missed by everyone. Funeral at Our Lady

of Fatima, Monday 3.3.08. Rest in Peace

Mum From all the family

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Share your kind thoughts ©

memories with the family

@ loved ones of those who

have passed away by signing

BRIAN GREEN

Passed away peacefully on Monday 25th February 2008, aged 45 years. Brian will be greath missed by all his

many friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Chapel on Friday 7th March 2008

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at 10.30am. Immediate family flowers only please but donations made payable to 'St Clare Hospice Trust' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

JENNIFER ANN **PALMER**

Passed away on February 24th 2008 Mum, Aunt and Friend, she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved

her. Jenny is now reunited with Eddie. The funeral service

will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, on Friday March 7th, 2008 at 11.30. Family flowers only, donations to St Claire's Hospice or Caring for Harlow Carers. Donations

and enquiries to: Co-operative Funeral Care, 20 High Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0DW. Tel: 01279 441444.

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WRIGHT. — Marilyn. (formerly Lucas) Died suddenly on Wednesday WRIGHT. 20th February 2008. Will be sadly missed by Paul, Kymm, Gary and her grandchildren.

In Memoriam loving family and BALL. — George. Who passed away 1st March 2007. Treasured

2007. Treasured memories. Miss you more each day. From your loving wife Joyce, son Peter and family.

S BARBARA **IEAN** BARWICK

January 27th 1943 -February 28th 2005 Remembering with great fondness a dear wife, mum, nan and

Three years have passed and so sadly missed. Forever in our thoughts and hearts, remembering the good times and all the special memories, and

PETER GLIDDON

March 2nd 2002. To a dear husband Dad and Grandad thinking of you. Memories stay in our hearts. Love Eileen and family x

HUNTER. — Josephine. - 29/6/07. Remembering you Mum on your birthday. We miss you, we love you. Forever in our hearts you'll remain. God bless you. Jacqueline and Garry

HUNTER. — Nan. 2/3/27 - 29/6/07. Happy Birthday Nan. Miss you loads. I can still feel you here with me looking after me and I can't wait to see you again. Lots of love, your grandson Mitchell Hunter.

HUNTER. - Nanny - 29/6/07 2/3/27 - 29/6/07. Remembering you Nan on your birthday. Miss you lots. All my love, Jodie

18.3.1935 to 28.2.2003 It's five long years since we said goodbye, you are always in our thoughts. We miss you so very much.

you so very much.
All our love always.
From your darling
Wife Agnes,
Children Jacqueline
and Robert and all your Grandchildren xxxx God Bless

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BILL

KILLEN

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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FRED & **LUCAS** 5/7/49 — 2/3/03 Five years have passed and still it

sister.

kindness that you gave to your family and friends.

and friends.
With love always John,
Celia, Stephen,
Graham and their
families. xxxx

BOWYER. — Rose.
March 2nd. Four years
have now passed with you
always in our thoughts,
miss you so much. Love, Denis, Derrick Hazel and

02/03/08 "They say times a healer but that isn't true, as we've had to spend the last five years living without

Karen, Steve and

Freddie

FRED &

LUCAS

you."
Missing you loads,
loving you loads
Daddy.
Love Shani, Scott,
Jordan, Ty and Jamie-Lee

MANSFIELD. — John remembering your 64th Birthday, always loved, never forgotten. Your Wife Barbara and Son Wayne.

JUNE **MEAD**

27/02/37 - 10/07/07 27/02/37 - 10/07/07 Mum, 7 months have passed and wishing we could celebrate your Birthday and Mothers Day like we used to. Love and miss you so much Sandra, Julie, Helen and Robert xxx

and Nan on your

Birthday, Feb 28th. All our love always,

Sandra, Brian,

Kerry and Jo.

JOAN MOORE Remembering a wonderful Mum

FERGUS POTTER | been you dad. Miss you so much. Love you forever. Love

February 28th, 2002 Loving and cherished memories of our Dear Dad will remain forever in our hearts. All our love Primrose, John, Crawford and

POWELL. — Eddie. 29th February. 12 years have passed by, our love and treasured memories never die. God bless, your loving family.

Shirley xxxx

TAYLOR. Remembering our son-in-law and brother-in-law and uncle on his birthday 28th February. Love Joan and Jack, Steven and Sheila, Sean, Kelly, Liam

TAYLOR Steve. Thinking of you on your birthday with all our love always. Dawn, Danny and

BILL MURRAY Thankyou to my

HUGHES. — George. (From Vinnys Burger stall). Who sadly passed away 20th February 2008. A wonderful man who

was very loved by family and friends. He will be greatly missed. The family would like to thank

the staffs on Plane Ward for their care, Macmillan nurse Christen White,

Daniel Robinson & Sons, Nigel McNaught, Bert Freeman, Peter Rolf of

Navy Association, Flag Bearers and Navy guys, British Legion, friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers and

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neighbours and riends and member of Tye Green Bowls Club, for your support and donations.

DOREEN and RON **TOMLINSON**

27th Feb 2003/ 22nd March 2003. It seems only yesterday. Still sadly missed. Love Jennifer and Roy x

TWEEN. — Edward. In memory of my dear husband and father, passed away four years ago. Love and miss you, Jean Gail.

Return Thanks

နိုင် ASHLYNN မိန် STOCK (LIN)

The family would like to thank all those who gave donations, flowers and support at this sad time.

GWEN and JACK WĬTT

who passed away peacefully on Valentines Day, together forever.

Sandra, Maureen and all the family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone

for their kindness and thoughtfulness at this sad time. Mum and Dad will forever be in our

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On the birth of baby

Chloe, 5th February 2008.

All our love Sarah, Martin and Beth xxx

IT'S A GIRL

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SHARP

Congratulations

Hayley and Nigel on the birth of your

lovely daughter

Lots of love

Mum, Dad, Natalie

and Kevin xxxx

NEWMAN

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Thank you

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Daddy for giving

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sister Amber.

Lots of

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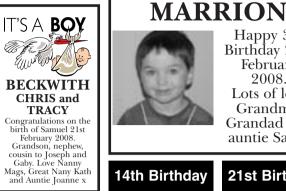
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CHARLIE

3rd Birthday



Happy 3rd Birthday 24th **February** 2008. Lots of love Grandma, Grandad and auntie Sarah

21st Birthday

LUKE KENNY

40th Birthday

Нарру

40th Birthday

WENDY

BRADFORD

Loads of love,

Toni, Leigh and

Cory xxxx

LOOK WHO'S FORTY!

BRIAN

HOPCROFT

Love from

Diane, Jasmine, George, Mum, Vic, Andy and Annalie

SHARON/

MUM

Happy 40th Birthday. Have a

good one. Love Mark, Jade, Glenn,

WINDER

Congratulations Paul on your 40th, March 3rd. Love from Lil and Ed xx



Happy 50th Birthday **LYNNE ANTHONEY**

50th Birthday

For the 28th Feb 2008 Love you always. Pete, Gemma and Claire

BOB HORSWILL Happy 65th

BIRTHDAY

Birthday Love Mother-in-law May

70th Birthday

Leap Year Celebrations



29th February1988

GOT THEIR 2ND **ROSIE** JACK ANDERSON Happy '5th'

BIRTHDAY COLES 2 on 29th February

LOOK WHO'S

Hugs and kisses. Mum Dad and Leanne x



CARA POPE Happy 20th Birthday Born 29.02.1988 Loads of love Mum, Dad, Bradley, Baby

Cruz

14th Birthday



ROLES

Нарру 14th Birthday March 3rd. Loads of love Pat, Dad and Gang xxx

16th Birthday



Happy 21st With love from Mum, Dad, Rachael and Nana xxxx



Have a wonderful 16th Birthday DALEY-**POPS**

Love Daddy and Taylor xx



NICOLE IORDAN

5th March Happy 16th Birthday Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Kerry Nan and Nan and Grandad xxx



REBECCA **REAY**

Happy Sixteenth Birthday Lots of love from Dad, Claire, Nan and Grandad

BALDY 16



LOOK WHO'S **FORTY**

Lots of love from Wardy 'n' Rick. Happy Birthday old gal 'H'.

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Unc. Finally your age has reached your handicap. Have a

good one. Dave



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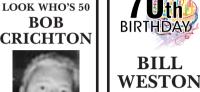
on the big 40 Lots of love



PAUL WINDER

Happy 40th birthday for the best husband and daddy in the world. All our love, hugs and kisses,

Ann, James and Emily XXX



Have a great Birthday I love you with all Ike and Phil my heart Adele x

70th BIRTHDAY

Happy 70th Dad and Grandad. Love from Dean, Tracey, Rob, Beau





What a lucky boy! Love from Bridget, Peter, Lucy and John.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEV! Only took you 40 years to get to the fine age of 10! Love from all the

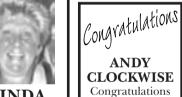
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LINDA **DALBY**

Happy 50th Birthday Lots of love Mick, Sarah and Adam.

60th Birthday



Congratulations on becoming 3rd greatest childrens entertainer in the world. Love from Iris,

Mark, Kate, Archie and Ellie.

Engagements



Happy 60th Birthday to **CAROL** STENING

29th February Love Mum and Ron

65th Birthday

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SAM

THEOBALD

Your the best thing thats ever happened to me and I want to tell everyone how nuch I love you and I can't wait to marry you. Always my love Matt.

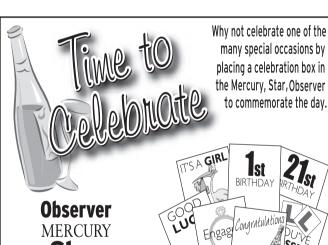
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Special wishes to a very
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Lot of love Mum, Dad
and Daisy

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1st Birthday

ELIZABETH EAGLES

AKA LEWIS WARD Happy Birthday, March 2nd. **ROSE** With love from Mum, Dad, Alice, To our little princess Happy Birthday Lots of love, hugs and kisses. Love Mummy and Daddy xxx and Emily. XXXXXXX





PAUL WINDER

Wishing you a fabulous 40th. Lots of love Booie, Kirk and

65th BIRTHDAY

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Happy 65th Birthday 02.03.2008 Love Always Sue xox

HORSWILL. — Bob. Have a great 65th Birthday. Love always. All CHAMPELOVIER

> **BOB** Thomas and Georgina xxxx

> > SULLIVAN - Pat and Wedding Anniver With love Dawn xx.

Website gives businesses a place to shine

AN innovative new website which helps consumers find and review local businesses has gone online to cover Harlow.

The Brownbook – www.brownbook.net – is the brainchild of Jerry Brown, who decided to set up the website after experiencing the high costs and long delays of getting his own firm listed in the big directories.

He also realised that the best advertising for any business was often through word of mouth, which led to the introduction of customer reviews and testimonials on the online directory.

Even the smallest fledgling firms can add their listing to the site for free, with the ability to update their profile at any time and host photos, videos, marketing information and links to their own websites.

And those looking to avoid cowboys and locate a reputable company can even read reviews made by customers before deciding who to use.

"We're launching in Harlow with 2,832 business of every type listed already – that's around 95 per cent of all businesses in the town," said Mr Brown.

"Any business owner can find their listing or add it instantly for free, and they can immediately add additional content and marketing information to help potential customers find and contact them, bringing them more quality inquiries."

Organic net cast online for town

By CHRIS MOSS mossc@hertsessexnews.co.uk

AN organic food shop is sowing the seeds of success in Harlow after opening up its innovative delivery service to the town's ecofriendly residents.

The new web-based business – www.organic-delivery.co.uk – is an off-shoot of The Natural Way, a long-established health food store with branches in Bishop's Stortford and Braintree.

The family-run firm has now purchased an industrial unit on the Temple House Estate, in West Road, which it will use to store produce for the business as well as a health food shop open to the trade and public.

Online customers can choose from a wide variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables, sourced both locally and from the continent, and have a box made up for delivery direct to their doors.

British goods currently in season include varieties of cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celeriac, artichokes, mushrooms, turnips and apples, while organic oranges and bananas are being imported.

A £15 box should contain enough produce to feed a family of four for up to a week, while a smaller £10 version will suffice for a couple.



FRESH MOVE: Ron Sambridge and son Greg in the new premises (photo: NXZ9ZHSD/03)

Owner Ron Sambridge said: "The benefits of buying organic are unquestionable. Not only is organically farmed produce better for the environment, it is better for the individual.

"We've seen our business grow considerably from when we first set up shop in Braintree 25 years ago and this move into Harlow is a fantastic opportunity for us to bring good, healthy food to the people of the town."

The shop side of the new branch will focus mainly on selling whole foods, herbal remedies and eco-friendly household goods and cosmetics, with a range of sporting products such as protein shakes and bars also on offer to fitness fanatics.

"We're confident the new store and website will prove to be a big success – more and more people are going organic and we look forward to welcoming the first customers through our doors on Saturday."

Branch seeks to build into a big success

A LEADING UK builders' merchant has laid the foundations for a successful future in Harlow after opening a major new store in the town. Buildbase has developed a three-acre brownfield site in Cambridge Road, Old Harlow, demolishing derelict warehouses and putting up a purpose-built superstore in their place.

The large trade store area includes ironmongery, plumbing, heating, decorating, tools and workwear departments, while the extensive yard area is home to substantial stocks of timber, bricks, aggregates and rainwater goods.

A mezzanine floor houses a kitchen and bathroom showroom, with more than 25 fully tiled displays, while a dedicated on-site service offers equipment for hire ranging from hand tools to diggers and dumpers.

A total of 17 jobs have been created with the opening of the Harlow branch, to which new manager Tony Archer brings 27 years of industry experience to his role.

"Buildbase is delighted to be opening a new branch in Harlow and we are looking forward to welcoming customers to this impressive site," he said.

"We're a traditional, friendly builders' merchants and we aim to offer a personal service at a local level, responding to the needs of our customers whether they're in the trade or enthusiastic home-improvers."



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BACK IN TIME

Jason Statham hops on the retro bandwagon for one big '70s blag

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Club strikes out for laughs | Romping through emotions

LAUGHS are guaranteed when four Felgate, Phil Dinsdale and Kevin top funny men help launch a new comedy club in Harlow.

The Gag Club, which has been blossoming recently in East Hertfordshire, comes to Harlow Town Football club on Friday. Among the guests is Ian Stone, voted by *The Independent* as one of the top 10 stand-ups in the country, and he is joined by Mark Hampson.

The club's Sean Brownson said: "The venue is terrific and so is the line-up. The facilities at the club are great, so it should be a very funny as well as a comfortable evening. The doors open at 7.30pm and tickets are available on the door for £12 or in advance for £10 from www.thegagclub.co.uk.

SEVEN characters in search of a little pride feature in the next production by Harlow's Moot House Players. Ever fans of Sir Alan Ayckbourn, the group is staging one of his most recent works, Private Fears In Public Places, which puts a disparate

group into a series of delicate situations. Director Jon McNamara said: "It's a high-speed romp through a medley of emotions. It's mostly hysterically funny with flashes of unexpected sadness to add balance and Sir Alan displays his natural genius in a play

that is both typical Ayckbourn and yet radically different. The play will be staged in the round, with one set as a backdrop for several locations. It opens on March 13 at 8pm and tickets are £8 (£6 concs) from (01279) 639170.

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MUSIC: International concert pianist and Royal Academy of Music professor Colin Stone will be helping raise funds for the Tobin Music Trust at St John's ARC, off Market Street, Old Harlow, on Sunday. The recital at 7.30pm includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy. The trust's aims are to get children involved in music regardless of background or ability. Tickets are £10 from (01279) 726625.

MUSIC: Satin shirts and big band pop are all go at The Playhouse tomorrow (Friday) when Neil Diamond tribute act John Hylton performs classics from the legendary singer's back catalogue at 8pm. Tickets are £16 from (01279) 431945.

MUSIC: Mozart's swansong opera The Magic Flute is being performed by Swansea City Opera on Saturday at The Playhouse at 8pm. The libretto follows Tamino who, trapped in a strange world, must use the eponymous and mysterious instrument to save himself and his love. Tickets are £16 from (01279) 431945.

DRAMA: Oscar Wilde's chilling tale of Victorian vanity is at The Playhouse on Tuesday at 8pm. The Picture of Dorian Gray is cleverly staged in an artist's studio by the European Arts Company. Tickets are £10 (£8 concs) from (01279) 431945.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Gibberd Gallery hosts Trevor Leighton's free exhibition Revealed, celebrating the famous and their involvement in fair trade. The gallery in the Civic Centre is open 9am-5.30pm Monday-Friday and 9am-noon Saturdays until March 8.

ART: Artist Anne Allanson's *Mixed* Moods exhibition continues at Parndon Mill Gallery until March 30. The semiabstract landscapes can be viewed free from 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, noon-4pm Saturday and 2pm-4pm Sundays.

Fantastic adaptation is a chilly triumph for HTC

REVIEW

REBECCA

Harlow Theatre Company, Victoria Hall Theatre, Old Harlow

A MASTERPIECE of suspense, self-torment and retribution, Daphne du Maurier's modern Gothic romance was given a new lease of life by a superb cast in this excellent adaptation of the bestselling

The play's major triumph has always been that the eponymous protagonist is never seen nor heard, yet her ghostly presence casts an inescapable shadow over the entire work.

As an exploration of how guilt, memory and mystery can haunt and intimidate the subconscious, Rebecca is up there with the likes of Bronte's Jane Eyre, and director Alan Jones and his impressive cast should be congratulated for deftly teasing out the nuances of this devilishly complex tale.

The brooding Clive Weatherley was particularly affecting in the tricky role of Maxim de Winter. A self-confessed murderer, he has to try to win the sympathy of the audience and moral acceptance of

Upon his return to the family seat of Manderley, the bullish aristocrat must battle the ghost of his late wife, Rebecca, whose controlling influence seems to linger from beyond the grave.

He brings with him a new wife, simply referred to as Mrs de Winter throughout, who must evolve from the gauche, naïve youngster he romanced in glamorous Monte Carlo into the determined, assured mistress of Manderley to protect her new husband from his own frailties of conscience.

Played by impressive HTC debutante Laura Oggelsby, her gradual yet dramatic transformation from shy, retiring wallflower to emphatic, protective wife was a remarkable sight to behold.

And neatly capping off a brilliant triumvirate of virtuosic performances was Jane Miles as sinister housekeeper Mrs Danvers, all cold, calculating menace and misanthropy in her restless bid to keep alive the painful memory of her long-dead former

Another splendid feather in the cap for the ever-reliable HTC, this fantastic, sold-out production was a fitting vindication of the tireless efforts of all those involved with local theatre in our town.

Chris Moss

Animals magnetism for Harlow!



SIXTIES pop legends are on their way to Harlow as part of a cultural shake-up for the town centre.

Famed for their rhythm and blues sound in such hits as The House of the Rising Sun and We Gotta Get Out of This *Place*, The Animals will be appearing in the Market Square on March 30.

Two of the original members remain in the group, Mick Gallagher and John Steel, and the band are the headline act for the first Swing into Spring

The show is the concept of the

GO ANIMAL!: Town centre development manager Richard Dennery promotes the free concert (photo: LMQ9STMC/02)

new town centre manager Richard Dennery, who has been tasked by Harlow Town Centre Partnership to bring some much needed buzz back into the area.

The legendary band will be supported by Harlow veterans Fase 4 and popular Square regulars Independence Day. "It's appropriate that it takes place on the day the clocks go forward into British Summer

Time, so it really is swinging into spring," said Mr Dennery.

He added: "I saw The Animals at the Gloucester Rhythm and Blues Festival last year and they sound exactly how you would want them to, how you remember them. They will definitely be performing all of their classics. It's been years since major concerts were staged in the town centre and it's one of the things people have been asking for.

The concert is free and due to be on a stage close to the post



Retro-fuelled bank heist blasts back to the 1970s

BANK JOB

certificate 15, running time 1h51m

IT'S London circa 1971, when brown cars and beards were all the rage and the streets were ruled by dodgy coppers and Kray-style gangsters.

The nicotine-stained poster and shot of a vinyl dashboard and chrome windscreen surrounds are all part of director Roger Donaldson's vision of a belle epoque of crime cinema.

Attached to the poster is the tagline 'The true story of a heist gone wrong' – tosh! Mars Attacks has more evidence and credibility to claim to be a true story than this caper penned by Ian Le Frenais and Dick Clement, creators of 1970s sit-

When local totty Martine (Saffron Burrows) calls on old pal and full-time recidivist Terry (Jason Statham) with a foolproof bank hit on Baker Street, he can't quite Adam and Eve his lords and

The target of their heist is millions of pounds worth of jewellery and cash stowed away in safety deposit boxes. Unknown to Terry and his pals, however, is the existence in these boxes of a set of photographs showing a princess – thinly veiled as our own late Princess Margaret – in flagrante delicto with black civil rights' leader Michael X

(Peter de Jersey). The photographs were used by X to barter his way out of prison, threatening to blow the lid on the lascivious nocturnal habits of the Royal Family. Terry agrees to assist Martine in this seemingly perfect opportunity and, as it turns out, she was caught smuggling drugs into the country and MI5 have

What's more, opening up the safety deposit boxes has upset a few unpleasant characters and Terry soon discovers that seemingly everyone is out

offered her a deal.

Done in a similar style to iconic flicks *Get Carter* and *Criminal*, the cinematography may be retro tongue-in-cheek but it's nonetheless stylishly effective.

And although many will think it plays out like an episode of *The Sweeney*, the complex plot and criminal half-wits should keep cops and robbers fans more than happy.





SAFETY MATCH: Colin Firth and Uma Thurman star in THE ACCIDENTAL HUSBAND (s)

Uma gets to choose love or security

THE ACCIDENTAL HUSBAND

certificate 12A, running time 1h30m

COLIN Firth's arms must be feeling a little sore from all the tug-of-love films he takes on - and here's

This time he's the staid and rather traditional fiancé of an expert in relationships who starts questioning what we all knew anyway – that he's actually quite

Emma Lloyd (Uma Thurman) has a hit radio talk show, an impending book deal and a loving relationship with Richard (Firth), her ideal man, with his corseted morals and militant monogamy.

When the couple apply for a marriage licence, Emma finds out that she is already married to a man she's never met before seemingly the result of a misguided prank which leaves her bewildered.

Worse than that, her plans for the future are now threatened. With her wedding just around the corner, Emma must find the mystery man and obtain an annulment.

Her 'husband' is Patrick, a charming fireman with a big secret – Emma advised his former girlfriend and love of his life to leave him during a radio show.

As Emma's wedding draws near, she is faced with the choice between her safe life with Richard or the chance to live in the passionate and spontaneous world Patrick inhabits.

You too have a choice - go and get regurgitated, popcorn-sweet rom

sound check with Chris Moss

SPLITFIRE make brilliant barrow boy pub rock so authentic you can almost taste the warm beer, whiskey and Woodbines.

The sharp-suited three-piece might look like they've just stepped out of *Quadrophenia*, but their skinny-tied swagger is well vindicated by some anthemic power pop gems wrapped tighter than a pair of shrink-to-fit Levi's.

With a frontman who sounds like the lovechild of Paul Weller and Mark Perry, a bass player bouncier than a Bruce Foxton feather-cut and a drummer with the madcap genius of Keith Moon, they're sure to stir up a fair bit of bovver. Imagine the youthful exuberance of early Supergrass, the slick stylistics of The Jam and the paranoia of the New Town Neurotics and you'll be close; all punchy, down-and-out in surburbia, mod laments to leave you winded on the dancefloor but begging for more.

Splitfire play Club Quattroz tomorrow (Friday) as part of the new Time For Heroes night, with The Feelmores and The Stolen Coda. Tickets are a steal at £5, and doors open at 8pm.



Band: Splitfire From: Essex borders Who they?: Joe (vocals/guitar), Tom (bass), Luke (drums) Sounds like: Paul Weller selling some smashing fruit and veg daaahn the Ridley Road circa 1976 Website: www.myspace.com/splitfire

gig guide

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THE CON

Tegan & Sara (album, Vapor)

The clue's in the title – this lamentable agit-pop effort from the identically pretentious twins see-saws precariously between insufferable bubblegum laments, bargain basement electro and flimsy acoustic balladry, all capped off with the duo's irritating schoolgirl squawk. Inexplicably endorsed by the likes of The White Stripes and Neil Young, these jumped-up, prissy princesses will have you demanding a refund of your time, money and sanity should you ever have the misfortune to sit through this risible, disjointed album of tiresome contradictions.

PEGI YOUNG

Pegi Young (album, WB)

So similar is her music to his that she might as well be husband Neil Young in drag – now there's a thought, a bit like Van Morrison ballet dancing! But while Mr Young may not have the best voice in the world, the quality of his song writing is blissful; this folk/jazz/leftie country is the antithesis – nice voice but some of the most abysmal songs ever set down. Love Like Water is nothing short of cataclysmically bad but at least it stands out from the rest.

also showing

NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS. Nicolas Cage returns as the treasurehunter Benjamin Franklin, out to

uncover the real truth about an American obsession – Abraham Lincoln's assassination. The 13 missing pages from his killer's diary must be found, not least to save Franklin's own family reputation.

U2 3D. Using the greatest number of 3-D cameras, this show is the Irish band's impossibly expensive Vertigo concert. See Bono's narcissism close up as his sunglasses look almost as daft as the spectacles you have to wear to see it in all its glory.

RESCUE DAWN. Brilliantly bonkers director Werner Herzog's story of an American pilot fighting for survival after being gunned down over Laos during the Vietnam War.

JUMPER. Silly and woefully miscast story of two men on the run from a bounty hunter who believes their skills of teleportation are damaging the fragile status quo.

RAMBO. Vietnam veteran John Rambo (Sylvester Stallone) returns to jungle warfare when a boatload of peace workers are taken hostage in Burma in the most violent instalment of the series yet.

PENELOPE. The charms of Christina Ricci are well employed in this tale of a woman whose curse, which gives her a piggy nose, is only lifted when she finds true love.

BE KIND REWIND. Hugely overrated Jack Black fights to save a friend's video store by creating well-known films on a shoestring with his chum after acidentally wiping all the

RATATOUILLE. Brilliant CG film about a rat who can cook trying to save his favourite Parisian restaurant from a critic's poison pen.

STARDUST. A high maintenance girl gets her man to enter a forbidden land in order to retrieve a fallen star speaking of which, Robert De

A MIGHTY HEART (The Playhouse). Angelina Jolie plays the desperate pregnant wife of a captured American journalist in this touching true story of Daniel Pearl.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Magical realm such a visual delight

MUSHISHI

(Revolver Entertainment, 15, retail)

From acclaimed Japanese director Katsuhiro Otomo comes a tale in a fantastical world every bit as meticulously well constructed and beguiling as those of his earlier films Akira and Steamboy.

In pre-industrialised Japan, Ginko is a wandering bug master, or mushishi, a healer able to manipulate tiny supernatural bugs called mushi which are direct linkrf into the essence of life and death.

He encounters the beautiful female mushishi Tanyu, who has learned the art of locking the bugs into scrolls recording their history and use, but when they escape Ginko must dig into every reserve of his ability to save her as well as the slowly vanishing age in

Although it's live action augmented by visual effects, the look of Mushishi is astonishingly vivid and dreamlike. What particularly impresses is that Otomo doesn't overburden his story with a mass of exposition and nor does he introduce moments of the fantastic just for a quick impact – every frame of film is suffused with a magical glow and characters react to the supernatural elements as if they were just another part of everyday life, further underscoring the film's reality.

If there's any fault to be found, it's in a narrative which is at times so elliptical and ponderous that it takes a backseat in favour of the lush visuals, but stick with it and the reward is a gentle, absorbing and quite beautiful fantasy.

Star rating: ★★★★

RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION

(Sony Pictures, 15, retail & rental)

After the god-awful first sequel in the video game spin-off franchise, *Extinction* gets back on track with a cracking post-apocalyptic zombie smackdown as psi-powered heroine Alice (Milla Jovovich) continues her crusade against the seemingly unlimited evil of The Umbrella Corporation.

It's several years on from the destruction of Racoon City and the T-virus has spread around the entire world, transforming forests and oceans into deserts, destroying most life and turning the rest into hordes of flesh-hungry living dead.

For some reason, given that they've effectively wiped the planet clean, the surviving Umbrella operations centres deep underground are still hunting for a cure, with efforts focusing on capturing Alice to synthesise an antidote from her blood – first via a production line of clones and then targeting the real thing when she's spotted by a spy satellite helping to steer a rag-tag group of survivors to Alaska and supposed safety.

Director Russell Mulcahey and writer Paul WS Anderson seem to have learned some lessons from the series' past disappointments and are equally happy to lift entire ideas from George Romero's magnificently dystopian Day Of The Dead, with plans hatched in an underground bunker to socialise the living dead and even a sequence in which the first apparently domesticated subject is handed a cell phone to play with, almost a beat-for-beat copy of the scene with pet zombie Bub in Day.

Luckily for excitable viewers, the treatment fails and instead turns the living dead into super-powered upgrades, ideal for unleashing on Alice and her

harried companions when they've only just survived an attack by zombie crows.

Star rating: ★★★

period Japan resembled nothing so much as a rococo uting of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado.

AS YOU LIKE IT

(Lionsgate UK, 12, retail & rental)

Not the best of Kenneth Branagh's showy Shakespeare adaptations, much of the comedy (such as it is) in the original play falls between the lacquered floorboards of the curious transposition to late 19th century Japan.

As you'd expect from a Branagh-directed work from the Bard, the performances are generally accomplished and the language delivered in such a fashion as to render it clear and comprehensible.

Brian Blessed is good in the dual roles of the banished Duke and his wicked brother Frederick (the latter apparently going native and stomping around like some panto samurai), Bryce Dallas Howard is luminously lovely and confident as Rosalind (although never once convincing as a man when she disguises herself and flees with her cousin into the Forest of Arden) and there's sold work from Richard Briers, Alfred Molina and Kevin Kline.

For me, the real problem was the artifice of the setting – it's all very well adorning Shakespeare with ninjas and recasting the play's wrestling match as a sumo bout, but what's the point? Too often, the European names and the players from a variety of ethnic backgrounds jar with the intended reality and pulled me out of the film, and it didn't help that Ken's idea of

Star rating: ★★

CRUISING: DELUXE EDITION

(Warner Home Video, 15, retail)

William (*The Exorcist*) Friedkin's murder mystery thriller set in Manhattan's pre-AIDS S&M scene was the subject of some pretty vocal protests when it first came out in 1980, but it's not the homophobic exploitation flick many tagged it.

That said, it's certainly not the most sensitive look at the lifestyle, catapulting the most extreme examples of it onto the big screen as cop Al Pacino hunts a vicious murderer and has to go undercover in a sleazy world of dark bars and flickering neon where everybody – everybody – is dressed up like *South Park*'s biker-capped, backless chap-wearing Mr Slave.

What probably made most people, well, men, unhappy at the time is the clear suggestion that Pacino's character is seduced by the lifestyle around him, although Friedkin makes sure to leave it a little opaque as to just how deeply immersed in the life he

But away from the sexual politics of the piece, it remains a tight, claustrophobic and atmosphere-laden

Special features include a frank and informative Friedkin commentary, a remastered soundtrack and two new features on the film's making and impact.

Star rating: ★★★

★★ fair $\star\star\star\star\star$ unmissable $\star\star\star\star$ very good $\star\star\star$ good ★ don't bother

Jim Tanfield and Chris Moss

GET HAPPY

Clare Teal (album, W14/Universal)

Jazz-lite isn't everybody's favourite but some of the 13 tracks featured on this CD are bound to get most people toe-tapping and humming along to the timeless classics given a Clare Teal revamp. Perhaps a little too much to stomach in one go, but it would make ideal background music if you were dining at a '40s

BLIND

Hercules & Love Affair (single, EMI)

As if Antony of Antony and the Johnsons wasn't insufferable enough, the singer with a speech impediment has now been funked up into a groovy dancefloor mix. Unpleasant.

Chris T-T (single, Xtra Mile)

Not exactly groundbreaking stuff but perfectly acceptable, catchy indie-pop to eventually join all the countless other examples in the forgotten Britpop graveyard.

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Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

Nervous energy can be high, but you can be at your diplomatic best to use what you do have to your

advantage. With Mars moving to the top of your scope you can also show more determination to get ahead. This can see

confident career moves

confident career moves develop or a change of life role. However, this can cause ripples in your emotional spectrum. Get ready. Call to hear why you shouldn't try to do too much.



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Aries Mar 21-Apr 20 Friends are worth their weight in gold. onto the good ones However, anyone you're not so sure of is where you need to take care. You can feel very sensitive this week and little issues can loom larger than usually they would. Your ruler also tussles once more with Family woes can prove wearing. Call for the magic of Venus and

Taurus Apr 21-May 21 All sorts of new projects, people All sorts of new projects, people and ideas appeal. You can also more assertively say how you feel and this is where this week's trick is where this week's trick comes in. If you can move your situation forwards and yet retain the goodwill of the more traditional people in your world, you'll be on a winning streak. Work in media, teaching, training or technology can or technology can emerge. Call for more on Mars roaring you on

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22
Talking an issue through that you fear may be painful may turn out to be anything but and the discussion can be cathartic. And you're going to be doing a lot more talking through to early May. You may also find yourself on the move. If you have long wanted to gain a degree or add to existing qualifications, the time is right. Yet legalities require tact. Call if moving home appeals just now.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21
A holiday can be booked, and it will feel good to have this to look forward to. Some Gemini May 22-Jun 21 Twins may even attend residential training courses. Working in a completely new setting could be just the boost you need. And yet you need. And yet financial pressures may need facing head on. In love, an Aquarian can be chatty and sociable but real intensity can be with a Cancer. Call me now for your romantic scope in

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 2
The Quarter Moon in your sign, could see you asking yourself some searching personal questions. The answers could turn out to be close to home than you think. A social network website can prove fun, but equally your network can expand on your doorstep. A neighbour can be central to this. All sorts of digital games can intrigue and you can star! Call to hear why mental stimulation is

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23 The last quarter of last year saw the forceful Mars in your sign. Progress was initially good. More recently, a case of one step forwards, two back. But your momentum is definitely aided by this planet surging back into Cancer this week, where it'll be until early May. This puts you in pole position, but you may have less patience with doubters. Call to handle the Quarter

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20 Your hopes can take a leap forwards and this can relate to your love life. Here and at work you can show confidence in how you engage with people and you can give out a sultry vibe. If there are targets you have you can show awesome determination to hunt them down. Enjoy a flutter? Lottery or bingo? The number 2 can come up trumps. Call to hear why an Aquarian can particularly attract.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23 Romance can be

positive. If you're single the surprise is that an old flame can bustle an old flame can bustle back into your life or into your consciousness. If it's the former, some disruption is possible as your carefully ordered world makes way for their needs, habits and lifestyle. At a personal lifestyle. At a personal level, an issue that has been simmering in the background needs revisiting. Call to hear more on a development course.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23 Someone can be on the moody side. This could be you, or someone less at home or in the family. But you won't want to get too bogged down in this as a woodeful conord with to coon bogged down in this as a enough, once you do, you can find they're a good deal up your life to wider vistas presents itself. Through to control May once no poor bid to the state of the st presents itself. Through to early May can see a big shift your situation. You'll be absolutely determined to overcome obstacles. Call to hear why travel can be

You more than anyone know you have to work hard to create breaks in life and your capacity to do precisely this, is on the up. Your individuality continues to shine brightly and helps you to stand out from the crowd. Strangely though, it could be something that's been on the backburner that brings a brilliant result,

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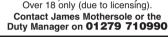
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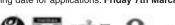
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A trial by Gardening Which?, the Consumers' Association magazine, tested some 37 varieties over a two-year period to find out which performed best.

The plants were grown in full sun at four test sites across the UK, from Dorchester to Glasgow, thereby taking in regional temperature variations. The plants weren't given fertiliser, were only watered when becoming established and were cut back after flowering to encourage a second flush.

But many did well, come rain or shine, in north and south, with no mollycod-dling. Among the best bloomers were G. 'Dilys', the first dark pink flowers appearing on long stems in July and continuing until the end of October. Its spreading nature makes it a great choice for ground cover.

If you want impact at the front of the border go for G. sanguineum 'Glenluce' and G. sanguineum var. striatum, both of which have a neat compact habit, a profusion of flowers in June and July and are also at home in a rockery.

If you favour blue flowers and have a big gap to fill, go for G. Orion, which produces masses of striking lilac-blue flowers with a white eye in June and July and has a fast spreading habit, so will fill a space quickly. Be careful where you plant it, though, or it may start to take over.

Favourite white varieties include G. sanguineum 'Album' and G. phaeum 'Album', a semi-evergreen variety and one of the tallest tested.

Don't be afraid of cutting hardy geraniums back hard after flowering, leaves and all. In a couple of weeks new leaves will grow and you may even get a second flush of blooms.

:: Full results of the trial are featured in the March issue of Gardening Which? For details on how to receive Gardening Which? free for a month, telephone (01992) 822800 or visit which.co.uk

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

Begin to feed plants in established borders using a controlledrelease slow-acting fertiliser, but try to avoid getting it on new leaves.

:: Spray nectarine and peach trees to prevent peach leaf curl disease.

Sow quick-growing perennials under glass to flower this year. Sow long-rooted parsnips as soon as possible, as they benefit from a long growing season.

Sow mustard and cress in shallow boxes, starting the cress four days before the mustard so that they are ready together.

:: Harden off autumn-sown cauliflowers being overwintered in frames, so they will be ready for planting out in March.

:: Continue to keep hippeastrums moist and feed them occasionally Plant begonia tubers in pots of soilless potting compost. Keep the tubers just damp until the first shoots begin to show.

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Notice is hereby given that: $\bf Mecca~Bingo~Limited$ of the following address: Statesman House, Stafferton Way, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 1AY is applying under section 187 of the Gambling Act 2005 to vary a bingo premises licence issued under that Act. The application relates to the following premises: **Mecca** Bingo Club, Terminus House, Terminus Street, Harlow, Essex CM20 4BH The application is to vary the licence as follows: Reduction of part of the premises to be used for providing facilities for gambling in respect of Mecca Bingo Club in the foyer in order to allow for redevelopment. Drawing No 03155 REDEV attached. The application has been made to: Harlow District Council Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application. Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the application: A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities. A person who has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities. A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories. Any representations must be made by the following date: 20th March, 2008. It is an offence under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005 if a person, without reasonable excuse, gives to a licensing authority for a purpose connected with that Act information which is

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Harlow District Council to vary the Premises Licence in respect of the Mecca Bingo Club, Terminus House, Terminus Street, Harlow, the licence in order to allow for the installation of a smoking shelter, to reduce the area for licensable activities, to relocate admissions desk in fover and to commence the opening hours of premises and hours for licensable activities at 9.00 am Monday to Sunday in accordance with default hours under the Gambling Act 2005. The Licensing Register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, Safety and Licensing Department, Harlow District Council, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex CM20 1WG during office hours. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 21st March, 2008. It is an offence

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The HYAGFFA soccer school is open to girls aged 7- to 12-years-old, and is run by an all female coaching staff.

All the participants get the opportunity to play in fun, friendly tournaments, held at least five times per year.

The next tournament will be held on March 22. All girls can play, either for fun or to train to join a local team, such as Langley Colts

Also training and taking part in the Sporting Champions visit on the day will be Mark Hall Girls FC U-14s squad (the age range for the current season is school years 8 and 9) who train at Mark Hall Sports Centre on Saturdays, from 10am until 11.30am.

This team plays in the Essex County Girls Football League (U-14 division).

The last festival, held earlier this month, was a tremendous success, involving 60 girls and clubs from across Essex.

Tigers Girls U-10s, Writtle Minors U-10s and Dunmow Rhodes U-12s came along to play the three HYAGFFA teams - Harlow Storm U-10s, Harlow Bluebirds U-12s and Harlow Wildcats U-12s.

The Harlow teams were able to wear their brand new kit for the very first time following a kind donation from one of the girls' parents.

HYAGFFA hope to enter some teams into leagues from next season.

Langley Colts has 20 girls and plans to

launch two girls league teams next season.
Essex County FA Programme Coach,
Sharon Brownlie, who lives in Harlow, said: "This part of the festival was extra special for the girls involved in the programme as they got to feel like a proper team in their new strip.

The donation of the kit, along with all of the hard work being carried out by Langley Colts and the Harlow Youth Action Group, is ensuring that girls' football in Harlow continues to grow and be successful."

● FOR more information about the next girls football festival, contact Helen Offord, Sports Development Officer for Harlow Council, on (01279) 446417 or email helen.offord@har-

Moore injury blow mars Robins' win

THE Robins' joy at a second consecutive away win and clean sheet was marred by striker Kevin Moore sustaining a hamstring injury.

Moore went off after 65 minutes of Saturday's 2-0 Essex Senior League win against Bowers & Pitsea at the Len Salmon Stadium and is likely to be out for a minimum of two weeks.

A goalless first half saw a fierce Greg Hughes shot hit the home bar on 25 minutes.

Sawbridgeworth went ahead on 54 minutes when Moore's cross was deflected to Jim Ellice. His strong shot from just inside the area gave keeper Paul Dennis no chance.

Robins substitute Dan Hudson scored the second goal in injury-time after a swift counter-attack

CONCORD Rangers defeated Sawbridgeworth 1-0 at Crofter's End in the Essex Senior League on Tuesday. Michael Begg slotted in the winner on 74 minutes.

Street usurp Ongar after derby victory

AN important 2-1 home victory was recorded by a weakened **POTTER** STREET side over senior division one title rivals Ongar Town.

Saturday's result saw Street move a point above Ongar, who slipped to sec-

Street, without five regulars, went ahead in the third minute. A delightful pass from debutant Gregg Williams set up Scott Poole, whose shot went into the net via the chest of the visiting

Street doubled their lead on 60 min-

Olympian League

utes. A ball fell to Kyle Smith on the edge of the box and his left-foot shot flew into the top corner.

The last 15 minutes were uncomfortable for the hosts after Chris Groves put the ball in his own net but Street held on for the points.

said: "I'm delighted with the result. net.

We worked extremely hard under the circumstances and were good value for

EPPING's battle against relegation from the senior premier division received a blow when they went down 2-0 at Galleywood.

The visitors were without the influential suspended midfielder Lee Ford.

The deadlock was not broken until the 50th minute when Epping custodian Luke Kingston let a ball from the Street's player-boss Rob Campbell left go through his hands and into the

Galleywood doubled their advantage when a cross from the right was shot home on 68 minutes.

Epping's Cheng Mparupsa nodded wide at the far post from a left-wing

Steve Moss and Dave Revell were Galleywood's scorers.

In senior division one, Roydon lost -2 at home to lowly Springfield.

Nick Duke (2), Kevin Frost and Paul Hudson struck for Springfield, while Martin O'Rourke and Vaughn Affonso replied for the hosts.

Hast-a la vista as boss gets red card

RYAN Kirby was sent off Hastings Utd 2, Harlow Tn 1 on a day he will want to (Ryman League, premier division) forget as the Hawks slipped to their first away defeat since Boxing Day when they lost at lowly Hastings United.

The score was 1-1 when the normally equable Hawks player-boss picked up a yellow card for kicking the ball away on 58 minutes in protest at a free-kick given against

He received his second caution six minutes later when he fouled Ade Olurunda in front of the home bench and was dismissed.

Down to 10, the East Sussex side bagged a 75th-minute winner. A Nathan Simpson cross was deflected into the path of Lee Carey, who squeezed the ball underneath keeper Michael Dumoulin and into the net.

Leo Roget was ruled out of Saturday's clash with illness as the Hawks lined up with Danny Chapman, David Obaze and Kirby in the centre of defence.

The Hawks went ahead on eight minutes. A slick three-man move culminated in Scott Curley's pull back being bundled in by James Bunn.

Hastings' Rhys Whyborne then wastefully nodded over the visitors' bar, before Harlow's on-loan Southend United striker James Lindie had a shot blocked on the line on 22 minutes.

The Essex side rued this miss 11 minutes later as the hosts equalised. Olorunda flicked the Road after Michael Gliddon and ball into the net from close range Danny Green.

after the Harlow defence missed opportunities to clear a Carey cor-

Subsequent first-half action saw a Dave Lee 25-yard free-kick strike the far post before Obaze nodded wide from a James Bunn

When Harlow went down to 10, substitute Mark Taylor replaced Beckett Hollenbach at left-wing back and Hollenbach filled Kirby's position. Midfielder Curley was the man sacrificed.

Home keeper Lee Worgan made a good stop to keep out a flicked effort from Bunn before Hastings went ahead with 15 minutes left.

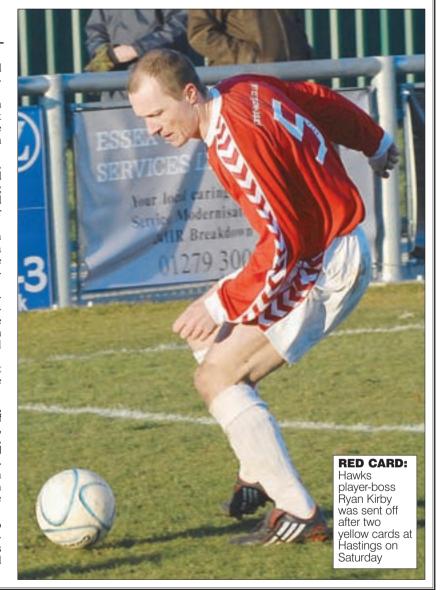
With nothing to lose, the visitors gambled with a threepronged attack for the last nine minutes, with striker Dean Williams replacing central defender Obaze.

It nearly paid off as Taylor set up Lindie, whose 87th-minute shot went agonisingly wide.

HARLOW TN: Dumoulin, Davis, Hollenbach, Chapman, Kirby (sent off 64 mins), Obaze (Williams 81), Lalite, Curley (Taylor 64), Bunn, Lee, Lindie. Subs not used: Hill, S. Gliddon, Hasell (gk).

 HAWKS midfielder Jordan Fowler has joined Southern League, premier division side Cheshunt on loan.

He is the third Hawks player to join former Barrows Farm assistant Gordon Boateng at Theobalds



Owen-ly the five goals for Mark Hall star Goddard!

MARK HALL YOUTH U-9s put behind them their disappointing Harlow Star Youth Community League Cup semi-final exit to beat LANGLEY COLTS TROJANS 5-1 with Owen Goddard scoring all five. Owen hit a first-half hattrick. The second was the best as it involved four players - Mitchell Young, Alfie Collins, Byron Down and Magnus Koskocan before Goddard showed excellent composure for a young player to pass the ball into the net. After Trojans pulled one

back, Goddard hit another

two goals to wrap up the comfortable league win. A debut double for Harry

McWilliam helped RISDEN WOOD U-9s get the better of SATURN by the odd goal in five.

Alfie Shipwright got Risden's other goal, while Ellis Dowsett struck twice for Saturn.

LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS U-9s were in seventh heaven after an excellent 7-0 win against Elsenham Youth. Thomas Bullman (2),

Zachary Birse, Sam Chaplin (2), Andrew Chong and Will Fordham got the goals for Stallions.

APEX YOUTH U-11s were 4-0 down at half-time against EPPING YOUTH.

However, Apex refused to give up and deservedly grabbed a consolation through Stephen Franklin.

HARLOW TOWN U-8 WHITES edged out NEWHALL RANGERS U-8s in a seven-goal thriller .

Milo Barrett's shot deflected off a Newhall player and into the net to open the scoring for Harlow.

Barrett netted Harlow's

second and Town substitute poached a third before Newhall pulled two goals

Some excellent individual play from Barrett enabled him to score his third with a long-range effort clear of the keeper.

Rangers grabbed a third but could not find an equaliser.

Other results:-

U-12s: Harlow Tn 3, Connaught Rangers 4; Saturn 13, Bishop's Stortford 0; Waltham Abbey 2, Langley Colts Mustangs 5.

U-11s: Harlow Tn Red 0, Langley Colts Stallions 3; Saturn 3, Langley Colts Trojans 0; Waltham Abbey 1, Ware FC 3.

Secretary's U-10 Cup, quarterfinals: Epping Yth A 3, Langley Colts Stallions 0; Harlow Tn Red 0, ark Hall Langley Mustangs 0, Bishop's Stortford Town 5; Waltham Abbey 0, Abbey Yth 5.

U-10 silver division: Epping Yth C 0. Bishop's Stortford Colts 5

U-9s: Harlow Tn Red 0, Waltham Abbey 1; Langley Colts Mustangs 1, Harlow Tn White 0; Mark Hall Yth 5, Langley Colts Trojans 1 Stansted Juniors 0, Epping Yth 11. U-7s/U-8s: Harlow Tn U-7 Whites

1, Elsenham Yth U-8s 5; Langley Colts U-8 Stallions 4, Harlow Tn U-7 Reds 0; Mark Hall Yth U-8 1, Risden Wd U-8 1; Risden Wd U-7B 1, Epping U-8 9.

Results

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23 Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District Football **League, prem div:** Loughton 2, Alemite Ath 6 (Lewis Eaglestone 3, Gavin Cockman

Eaglestone 3, Gavin Cockman 2, Paul Munn); White Roding 2, Potter Street res 2; Quendon 5, Debden res 0.

Division One Cup, semi-final: Hatfield Heath res 1, Albury 0; Sheering 5, Thorley Park 1.

Div one: Frontiers 2 (Matt Trowbridge, Ross Garard), Lower Street 0; Langley Rangers 6 (Rob Smith 2, Terry Harrison, Ben Hadley, James Cutler, Alex Lawrenson), Thaxted Rangers res 1; Cutler, Alex Lawrenson), Thaxted Rangers res 1; Salvation Army (Harlow) 2 (Ben Ford, Nathan Blake), Avondale Rangers 3; North Weald res 3, Dunmow Rh 1. Bill Bruly Cup, 2nd rnd: North Weald 2 (Jim Brown, Adam Dangerfield), Pelly House 1.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24 Harlow & District League, prem div: GPCA 2, Old Tn 0; Parndon 3, Marquis Sp 1; Maypole 2, Rouge Lyon 1. Div one: Altham Grove 1, New Town 6; Lindsey Street 3, Maypole Ath res 1; Old Townmead 4, Pollards 1; Risden Wd res 7, Unique 0. Div two: Pools 5. Galaxy 0: Risden Wd res 7, Unique 0.

Div two: Pools 5, Galaxy 0;
Rhyno 0, Eastwick 3.

Div three: Risden Wd A 0,
Maypole Sp 2; UG 1, Maiden
10 (Lee Bacon 3, Michael
Moore 3, Nick Hudson,
Michael Cowley pen, Mark
Cowley, OG); Brookside 7
(Jamie Cross 3, Simon
Williams 2, Anthony James,
Mitchell Barron), Harberts r 0.

Div four: Cottingham 3,
Ashfield 1; FC Clark 2,
Broadley Common 0; FC Flare
2, Abbey Albion 3;
Sewardstone 0, Dynamo 3.

Div five: Eppaldo 1, Matching
res 3; Harberts A 3, Altham
Grove res 0; Rouge Lyon v
Epping Ath p/p.

Fixtures

SATURDAY MARCH 1 Ryman League, prem div: Harlow Tn v Harrow Borough. Senior League:

Sawbridgeworth Tn v Mauritius Sports & Pennant.

LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League snr div one:

M & B Club v Roydon, Potter Street v Herongate Ath.

Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, inter-dup plate 2nd rnd: Heath Rovers v Loughton, Potter Street Reserves v Potter Street

A. **Prem div:** Debden res v North
Weald, Pelly House v White
Roding.

Roding.

Div one: Albury v Avondale
Rangers, Lower Street v
Langley Rangers, North Weald
res v Hatfield Heath res,
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Langiey Rangers, North weald res v Hatfield Heath res, Thorley Park v Frontiers. Bill Bruty Cup, 3rd rnd: Dunmow Rhodes v Salvation Army, Old Street v Quendon Ath, Sheering v Alemite Ath.

Hockey
East Men's League, div four
south east: Harlow v Romford.
Essex Women's League,
prem div: Havering v Harlow. Rugby
London & South East League,

div three north east: Harlow v Romford & Gidea Park. Essex League, div one: Writtle

SUNDAY MARCH 2
Harlow & District Football
League, prem div: Risden Wd
v Parndon R.
Div one: New Town v Maypole
res; Pollards v Unique; GPCA
res v Old Townmead.
Div two: Atletico UG v Galaxy,
Rauge Lyon res v A & &

Rouge Lyon res v A &A. Eastwick v FC Parkside. Div three: Harberts res v Maypole Sylvathing Utd.

Div four: Broadley Common v Abbey Albion, Cottingham v Harberts A.

Div five Cup final: Eppaldo v

League Cup 3rd rnd: Epping v

Lindsey v Maiden, Rouge Lyon v Brookside, GPCA v Rhyno. League Plate, quarter-finals: Sewardstone v FC Clark, Dynamo v Altham Grove res, Archers Dart v Stewards Sp, FC Flare v Risden Wd A.

TUESDAY MARCH 4 Ryman League, prem div: Harlow Tn v Horsham.

Junior Rams take capital gains

SKILFUL passing marked the **Harlow U-13s**' display when they won 27-5 at East London.

The visitors went ahead after 10 minutes on Sunday when the ball was passed down the line for Sonny Handscombe to score an unconverted try.

Subsequent first-half action saw Jack Boswell-Banks and Danny Lane touch down unconverted tries to give Harlow a 15-0 half-time lead.

Second-half tries for the Rams came from Handscombe

TOP class table tennis

when Harlow's BATTS

talent was to the fore

club hosted a British

Super League event.

monthly title at

An appreciative crowd

saw Hong Ming Zhang

win his third successive

Norman Booth Leisure

Centre in Old Harlow.

He clinched it when he

defeated fellow Chinese

player and number one

seed Chang Hong Jiang 3-2 after being 2-

Havering II 1, Harlow 0

division four south east)

(NE14 East Men's Hockey League,

A STRONG display by a

weakened Harlow side

was not enough to get a

positive result as they

lost to a goal in the last

five minutes at leaders

Fred Packham and Adam

Ottley were drafted in to

replace two unavailable

solid left flank for Harlow.

felt in more ways than one as he

Harlow also went down to 10

Havering seconds.

before the hosts scored.

Youth rugby

and Boswell-Banks, with Matt

Norris kicking a conversion. consolation try from a breakaway move.

Harlow Colts lost 6-5 at Enfield Ignatians Colts.

A home penalty put them 3-0 up at the break.

The Young Rams went 5-3 ahead in the second half when Jack Elston scored an unconverted try via a rolling maul.

kicked for the hosts to give them a narrow win.

Harlow U-15s lost 27-18 at In between, the hosts scored a home to their Enfield Ignatians counterparts.

Rams number eight Denzil Crafton scored an unconverted breakaway try in the first minute.

Enfield scored two unconverted tries and led 10-8 at the

After a Crafton penalty, Terry Doyle scored two unconverted tries for Harlow in the second

However, a late penalty was half but this was more than cancelled out by three tries and a conversion for Ignatians.

Harlow minis results: U-9s - Harlow 20, Eton Manor 5; Harlow 20, Eton Manor 10. Try-scorers were: Alfie Hunter 2, Alfie Fletcher 2, Lewis Youngman, Billy Asplin, George

Hartley, Jordan Cannon. U-10s — Eton Manor 5, Harlow 10; Eton Manor 5, Harlow 25. Try-scorers were: Alfie Clark 2, Jarrod Bullen 2, Charlie Todd, Connor May, Joe Tucker. U-11s: Eton Manor 21, Harlow 31 (Frankie Gallagher 3 tries, Rhys Davies 2; conversions – Chay Clarke 3).

Cream of **GB** table tennis talent descend on town

UP AND OVER: BATTS player Rachel Jamieson in action in the British Super League event at Old Harlow (Photo: QVRTBSYQ.10)

0 down in the final. Zhang, who won £280 for the win, had needed treatment for cramp in the fifth game of his exciting semi-final tussle with Polish player Filip Szymanski. The Pole was leading 4-2, but despite his obvious discomfort, Zhang fought back with ferocious left-

handed loop shots to win the final game 11-

Zhang's opponents on Tuesday last week included BATTS player Billy Deville. Zhang beat him 3-0.

In his other games, **Deville beat Euan** Liddle 3-1 after being 1-0 down. He also defeated club-mate

Leaders leave it

late to edge win

Reece Tan (England) 3-1, but lost 3-0 to Costas Papantoniou.

Harlow's Rachel Jamieson beat clubmate Abigail Embling 3-2, but lost to 3-1 to Oscar Selfridge.

BATTS player Shuying Xu was two games up in her quarter-final with Szymanski before the Pole fought back to win the next two games and then the fifth game

In her other matches, Xu defeated Aaron Fennell (3-0), Matthew Spero (3-1), Abdul Wuraola (3-0) and Natalia Bawden (3-0), while club team-mate and number three seed Wang Zheng won three and lost two.

He beat BATTS player and Super League debutant Natasha Walsh 3-0, defeated Natalie Bawden 3-0 and won 3-1 against **BATTS** player Neil Charles. However, he lost 3-1 to Szymanski and 3-0 to Chang Hong Jiang.

Other BATTS results: Luke Walsh lost 3-0 to Oscar Selfridge; Reece Tan bt Jack Cleminson 3-0; Oscar Selfridge bt Liu Meihan 3-0; Abigail Embling bt Natasha Walsh 3-0; Luke Walsh lost 3-1 to his sister Natasha Walsh; Jack Cleminson bt Luke Walsh 3-

Harlow clinch cup semi-final place

Continued from back

Shab Niaz and Mark Overland hit back-toback three-pointers, followed by a Francis tap back that reduced the Police lead to eight

But Hawks then missed three open shots and this, combined with several scores for the hosts, left Harlow 14 points behind and the game very much in the balance.

A couple of strong scoring drives from Overland and a Jessop three-pointer reduced the lead to 10 points with two minutes to go.

With one minute left to play the Police still required just one score to win. However, an intentional foul gave Jessop the chance to score some crucial points and he converted both attempts.

Jessop then converted two more foul shots to leave Hawks 10 points adrift but enough to secure a semi-final berth on aggregate.

Harlow now face Kingston Wildcats in the semi-final. The first leg is likely to be on Saturday March 8, with the home second leg at the Sportcentre on Saturday March 22. HARLOW HAWKS: Jessop (29pts), Overland (13), Francis (12), Niaz (9), Scott (4), Spashett (2), Freeman, Ramadan.

Hawks close in on East League title

Bedford Bulls 56, Harlow Hawks 88

(East Region League)

THE Eastern Region League title could be clinched by Harlow Hawks this weekend with a game to spare if they beat their closest challengers Vytis from Peterborough.

The Hawks put themselves into this position with a victory over Bedford Bulls on Tuesday evening at Harlow Sportcentre.

The hosts led 16-14 at the end of the first

quarter but an 8-0 run by Bulls at the start of the second period gave them the lead.

However, a three-pointer by Zaf Niaz plus scores from Mark Overland and Paul Jessop gave Hawks a 32-30 half-time lead.

The turning point came during the third quarter when Jessop converted six free-throws for three technical fouls and then hit a three-pointer, putting Hawks 59-45 ahead at the end of the third quarter.

The Hawks then enjoyed 18-0 and 11-0 runs in the final quarter which more than cancelled out a small run by Bulls.
HARLOW HAWKS: Jessop (29pts), Overland (17),

Z. Niaz (15), S. Niaz (15), Spashett (6), Francis (4), Jones (2).

Rout helps side to a Whites-wash

MICK Rout starred in CC Whites' 8-0 win over Swift Arrows in the Harlow & District Premier Darts League.

Rout helped himself to a 180 and outshots of 128 and 100.

Brothers Dan and Dave Galloway notched 180 a piece for White Admiral in their 6-2 win over Colt Hatch.

After being knocked out of the team Knock-Out Cup last week, league leaders Servo Hawks came back with a 7-1 victory against Moot House.

Mick Adderson hit 180 in Moot House Arrows' 7-1 triumph over United Glass. Swift Half's beat CC Foxes 6-2 on Foxes'

home board.

HARLOW & DISTRICT POOLS LEAGUE RESULTS, DIV ONE: Stow 10, Scorpions 2;

DIV TWO: Indestructibles 6, Stow B 6; UG Club 5, Behind Bars II 7; Herald 6, Humphrey & Stretton 6; Hockey Club 8, Harlow Community Club 4.

Hunt misses out in champs

MARK Hunt set a new personal best time for the 400m but it was not enough to book him a spot in the U-20 men's 400m final at the UK qualify for the semi-finals. Athletics Indoor Championships in Birmingham.

The Harlow-based runner clocked 49.69 seconds when he came fourth in his semi-

midway through the first half when the umpire ruled that he had made a deliberate back stick stop. Throughout the match

Jordan Torvel was sin-binned

Havering's chances were limited to penalty corners, with no opportunities being created from open play.

At the other end, the Havering keeper made two good

saves from Harlow skipper Steve White and another from a hard strike by Rob Chandler.

The second half continued in players and they provided a the same manner.

Packham made his presence again limited to penalty corners dealt with well by Harlow was sin-binned along with a Havering player following a fraHavering player following a fravisitors were frustrated by the visitors were frustrated by the good form of the Havering cusavoid relegation, caught Harlow napping as they capitalised on Slack, Trimble, Rowley, Jo Green, Byers keeper Rich Norris, while the todian.

After both sides went down scored just two minutes into the Tweddle, Amos, Donaghey.

final and missed out on qual-

the fastest of the six heats, to

Cross Country Champion-

ships at Alton Towers in

Staffordshire on Saturday,

North Weald runner Jessica

Earlier. Hunt came third in

In the English National

ifying for the final.

for a 10-minutes spell after to 10, a penalty corner was game from a penalty corner. awarded from which the deadlock was broken. This caused mayhem in the Harlow 'D' and, after numerous ricochets including one rebound off the outside of a post, Havering scrambled in the winner.

HARLOW: Norris, Packham, Prodger, Torvel, Ottley, Smith, Chandler, Symmonds, Krzoska, Shearman-Slack, White (c).

Harlow 2, Brentwood 2 (Essex Women's League, prem div)

Harlow Ladies fought back to be valid goals controversially twice to salvage a point against disallowed by the officials late HARLOW Ladies fought back struggling Brentwood on on. Saturday.

the home team's slow start and Price, Rushton, Jess Green, Byers,

300 runners competing in the

secs and was the fifth fastest

in the U-15 girls 4km race in

16:00. She was the 8th

fastest Essex finisher.

She clocked 18 mins 10

Sophie Fuhr came 200th

women's U-17 5km race.

Essex athlete.

first time

Docking came 110th out of

Harlow struck back almost

immediately when Carolyn

Rushton ran the ball along the

back line. Her cross was expert-ly pounced on by Bethan Price,

who fired an excellent reverse-stick shot into the net.

with 25 minutes left. A forward

eagerly pounced on a loose ball

to fire in from close range.

Brentwood regained the lead

However, the hosts grabbed a

Both sides had what appeared

Harlow pushed forward but a

point when a fine set-piece ball from Petra Trimble allowed Emma Tweddle to turn and shoot

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Harlow reach semi-final

THEY might have suffered a narrow defeat on the night, but Harlow Hawks just did enough to reach the semi-final of the Founders Cup with an aggregate victory over Met Police.

Having built up a 15-point lead from the first leg, Harlow then produced a terrific second-half performance to edge through by five points in Thursday's match. The hosts started well and raced into a 13-6 lead at the midway point of the first quarter.

A rare three-pointer in the first half for Hawks reduced the lead but turnovers allowed the Police to run in fast-break scores to level the tie overall by leading 30-15.

With Dan Scott in foul trouble at the end of the first quarter, Paul Jessop was forced inside to give Hawks some height presence and he helped reduce the deficit.

An 8-0 run from Hawks, sparked by a Dave Spashett running jump shot, plus scores from Darren Francis and Jessop helped cut the Met Police II 79, Harlow 69 (National Founders Basketball Cup. quarter-final 2nd leg)

Hawks win 154-149 on aggregate Police lead to 10 points in the second quarter.

However, the hosts stormed back and a 14-0 run gave them a commanding 50-26 half-time

Hawks responded brilliantly with a 12-2 run. The majority of scoring came from the inspirational Jessop.

This third quarter proved crucial as Harlow blunted the Police' scoring threat, while Darren Francis attacked the basket and converted several free-throws from fouls.

A Jessop score at the end of the quarter reduced the Police's lead to 62-48.

Hawks made a good start to the final quarter.

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Weston sets his sight on England step-up

MICHAEL Weston's meteoric rugby career took another step up when he appeared for the English Colleges side.

The 17-year-old Harlow Rugby Club first team flanker, who only took up the game two years ago, played for the representative side in a trial match against Gloucester University at Cheltenham on Sunday.

Weston, who has also represented Essex at U-17 and U-18 level this season and last season, played as a number

Gloucester won the game 22-17 but it was a memorable experience for Weston, who is still waiting to find out if he will gain selection for English Colleges against Welsh Colleges in a match to be played next

He said: "If you said two years ago I would do this, I would

not have believed it.

"The pace of the game was quick and it pushed me to the limit.

"It was one of the highest level games I have played in. Playing men's rugby has developed me as the players are stronger and bigger."

Weston is studying for a B-Tec National Diploma in Sport at Oaklands College in Hatfield. He has received rugby coaching from Guinness Premiership side Saracens, which trains at the University of Hertfordshire campus in Hatfield.

Rams coach Matt Davies has also linked up with Weston in his role as a coach at Saracens. He said: "He deserves it and he has grasped his opportunities. It is a testament to his hard work and he has an excellent attitude to training. The reports are that he had a good, solid game."

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We must end this bad run'

HAWKS player-boss Ryan Wealdstone 2, Harlow Tn 1 Kirby is under no illusions (Ryman League, premier division) as to the perilous position Harlow Town are in after sides lower than us. Two wins would they sunk to their second have given us breathing space. consecutive 2-1 away defeat.

Tuesday's loss against Wealdstone was similar to the Hastings United reverse on Saturday as Harlow once again went down to 10 men.

Kirby was red carded at the weekend, but in midweek it was central defensive colleague Danny Chapman who received his marching orders.

He picked up his second booking when the Hawks were leading 1-0 on 70 minutes.

Hawks have gone four games without a win and are now 16th. They are just a point above the relegation zone.

Kirby believes his side can end their bad run by picking up victories in their forthcoming home matches away. against Harrow Borough (Saturday) and Horsham (Tuesday).

Referring to the defeats against lowly Hastings and Wealdstone, he told *Star Sport*: "These are two games we needed to win against

"The boys know the position we are in and we have got to get ourselves out of it. "Everyone has a lot to prove. We

must improve things and we have to keep 11 players on the pitch." Harlow started strongly, with

Wealdstone goalkeeper Daniel Carr pushing a James Bunn shot around a post in the first minute. A minute later, striker James

Lindie headed over the home crossbar from just six yards out. The visitors came close to scor-

ing three more times before eventually going ahead on 16 minutes.

Carr fumbled Scott Curley's 30-

yard shot and Bunn pounced to stab into the net.

On the restart, Chapman was yellow carded for kicking the ball

Subsequent first-half action saw Curley nod wide and at the other end, recalled Hawks keeper James Hasell blocked a Stephen Hughes

Harlow almost doubled their lead

on 58 minutes.

A ball from the right by Lindie set up Bunn whose 12-yard shot rattled the Wealdstone crossbar.

Everything started to go wrong for the Hawks in the 70th minute.

Chapman was sent off for a second yellow card following a late challenge on a home player near the halfway line.

Wealdstone equalised on 80 minutes. David Obaze was adjudged to have fouled substitute Dean Papali in the box and the same player converted the penalty.

The hosts' winner came four minutes later. Substitute Graeme Montgomery drove the ball into the middle for Papali to score his second from close range.

Kirby added: "If we had been 4-0 up at half-time it would not have flattered us. We are not very good when we go down to 10."

Harlow hope to have striker Raphael Sylvester (ankle injury) back for the weekend's match. But centre-half Leo Roget (illness) is doubtful.

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis, Hollenbach, Obaze, Kirby, Chapman (sent off, 70), Lalite, Curley (Hill 63), Bunn (Williams, 88), Lee (Taylor 78), Lindie. Subs not used: Warren, Dumoulin (gk). Att: 215.

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